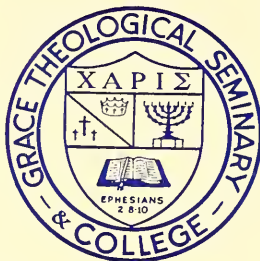


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Dear Editor,

A sheen has been added, with the formation of the Herald Book Club, to the structural beauty that has been emerging at the Herald Company in recent years. This is especially true if you can continue to offer selections like the first, *Hide and Seek*, which is invaluable to me as a servant of God in

appreciating people to whom I minister who lack self-esteem. Your efforts are welcome in . . . —*Pennsylvania*

Dear Editor,

I have had opportunity to take a look at the Hebrews study guide for the coming quarter. I want to thank the Herald Company for the excellent

study material that you are providing. Continue to send us studies that are based on the Scriptures.—*Ohio*

Dear Editor,

Enclosed you will find copies of the November edition of the *Biblical Research Monthly* which contains Rev. Howard Mayes' article, "Man's Wisdom and God's Revelation," on page 7.

These lines are to express our sincere thanks for permitting us to reprint this fine article.—*California*

Parents Ought To Have a Paperboy . . . Once!

If parents want to learn parental responsibility, they should at some time have at least one paperboy in the family. Several years ago my son, tired of his meager allowance, decided to move up into the world of high finance. He had heard of the fortunes his friends were making on their paper routes. To him four dollars a week sounded like something a Rockefeller would come home with at the end of the day. Besides, who can live on 50 cents a week and still be a big-time spender?

After a major family conference that took on all the appearances of a United Nations session, approval was granted on three conditions. There was to be no morning paper route which would involve rising in the cold dark of dawn in the wintertime or in the summer to face the raw glare of the sun peeking over the horizon. Privo to two simply said: "No Sunday papers to be delivered." For number three there was a vague discussion of "outside" help to be available only at times of extreme need. Later I regretted that this third condition had not been discussed in greater detail, and that a seven-page document had not been written to define terms!

All went well for almost a whole week. Zeal and dedication to the new task made me ashamed I had doubted my offspring's ability to manage a business of such major proportions. Delivery and collections were handled with record-keeping performance befitting a J. Paul Getty on the way to conquering the business world.

Then it happened, the need for a substitute on a given day. Two prospects loomed large in the paperboy's eyes. One was a blond, good-looking lady—you guessed it—Mother. The second was one called Dad who had missed the joys of early childhood ("paper-routing"). Mother learned her parental responsibility first. How

By Charles W. Turner
Editor

could she send a young lad (with a cold) out into such blustery weather? Her warm heart touched, she went out and delivered papers for him and also caught a cold.

Father's turn was next. I remember the cold January day when Dad was "helping out." An elderly lady on the route was chipping ice from the doormat on her porch. I stopped to help—ten minutes later I had it chopped loose. Her kind words to me were—"I think you are the nicest paperboy I have ever had." My ego was uplifted, but my pride was a little wounded. I didn't tell her I had never had the distinction of being a paperboy; in reality, her "paperboy" was only an editor! She would not have believed me anyway.

Through rain, snow and sickness, we took our turns when duty called, and we hit the route on foot, bicycle and by car. We learned what every parent learns. When one member of the family has a duty, all of the members are somehow affected. Families are not merely independent individuals without a common interest or bond, they are a unit. What one does affects the others in one way or another. If things are not going well with one member, the others will feel the consequences—all will be involved some way. That is what a family is all about.

One of the modern-day problems which has cast a pall over civilization is that the family is literally being pulled apart. The various demands on all of us are genuine and valid, most of the time; but, nevertheless, they are a major source of hazard to our well being. We just do not have time for each other as we should. Jobs, responsibilities and interests are like wedges cutting us apart.



There is something good about riding the paper route with my son. Yes, I guess I do grumble about it, but underneath it all I rather like it. I like it a lot better when the sun is shining, and I like it much better when there is no dog to tell me I am not welcome. It is a time of sharing a mutual interest with my son, or a time of trying to beat the old record of delivering all the papers in 45 minutes. I feel rather good when I see the last paper in the door. I know I have filled in for my boy when he was off to a church youth rally. When Mother has to get out on the route, I have a special pleasure of knowing the customers have the prettiest "paperboy" in town.

Yes, we learn many lessons in our family when it comes to sharing and doing together. Sometimes we hurt a little together, and sometimes we even deliver papers together. We are aware that we are not in this thing for ourselves, but we are in it because God brought the three of us together for a reason. We are all learning our responsibilities to our Lord and to each other . . . we're a family.

"Oh, I can speak some German," said the camp staffer to the dean: "Ich liebe dich." "I didn't know you cared," responded the knowledgeable dean to the red-faced lady who had mouthed the German words for "I love you."

Attempting to use a foreign language can be fun, embarrassing, boring or terrifying depending upon the circumstances in which we find ourselves when we speak. New missionaries almost invariably find the language a major hurdle to be surmounted before they can effectively perform the work of their calling. Most missionaries have experienced the excruciatingly painful slip of choosing a wrong expression at a crucial time and have become the target of laughter and ridicule, or worse, the cause of unintended insult. Such was the plight of the lady in Brazil, who, intending to ask pardon for passing in front of a gentleman when boarding a bus, instead asked permission to sit on his lap. Or the experience of the novice in China who attempted to be very polite in addressing an elder respected lady, but choosing the wrong tonal inflection he addressed the lady as "old cow." When the new language is not a fun option but must be used to buy the daily bread, the trauma of each early encounter can be devastating.

While visiting our missionaries in Stuttgart, Germany, last spring with Rev. and Mrs. Dean Fetterhoff, we listened as they explained to us some of the difficulties encountered in their first term of service. Roger and Nancy Peugh with sons Ryan and Philip—now



Is it Really Worthwhile

well into their second term—can look back with mature objectivity upon certain experiences which came close to being the last straw. Roger, having the advantage of a previous tour of service in Germany with a Youth for Christ gospel team, had the jump on the language, but for Nancy it was cold turkey. Added to the language problem was the care of a household into which a new baby arrived after about one and a half years on the field. Then there was the isolation from family

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and close friends with whom real sharing could be possible. Stir into this mixture a guilty feeling of not being able to produce real "missionary" accomplishments in spite of diligent efforts. Now garnish the whole with occasional bouts with illness, and you find the recipe for a one-term-only missionary. But God's people prayed,

the Peughs trusted and clung to the promises of God's Word, and today we see a hard-working, diligent family effectively accomplishing a fruitful work in Stuttgart.

Let's follow the Peughs' ministry further as an illustration of cross-culture evangelism or what we more commonly speak of as foreign missionary work. Is it really worthwhile? That is, couldn't these capable people really do *more* if they were in a place where they weren't so handicapped by language and customs?

In answer to this very practical question, two principles stand out. Principle one: is it possible to do *more* than obey God? That is, if God has directed us to these people in this place, any results must be in His hands. Therefore, we can only make certain that it is His voice we are listening to, and then make a complete presentation of ourselves to Him to accomplish His objective. Principle two: can God fail? That is, when God calls He also enables. The time schedule will be His and the means He places in our hands may surprise us, but He will accomplish His work.

These two principles do not give us an excuse for fruitless work due to carelessness, or poor stewardship of the resources God has given us. Nor will mere stubbornness and refusal to change methods which are not working give us reason to alibi the blame onto God's will. The effective missionary must be a pliable tool in his Master's hand. He must be aware of what God is doing elsewhere and, in prayerful submission to his Lord, seek to be as productive as possible. He then can find reassurance in the realization that the work is the Lord's in both its planting and harvest phases.

What about Roger and Nancy Peugh? Did God place them in a difficult situation only to test their faith and obedience to His will?

No, not at all! Let's look at some of the opportunities in which God is using them effectively. Even before they had completed language school they were involved in sharing Christ with

German people. Decisions made then have born fruit, and bonds of fellowship were formed which continue even though many miles now separate them from the place of first meeting. Now in Stuttgart they are, or have been, involved in youth work, Child Evangelism, adult classes, leadership training, evangelism, and pastoral ministries. In each of these areas of emphasis they have seen their efforts blessed to the point that they could specialize and put all their efforts on that one particular ministry. Children—the communities are filled with them. Full time could be dedicated to reaching them for Christ. Instead, pressures from other needs have lessened the time available to work with the boys and girls from the neighborhoods. At the other extreme, Roger informed us that the entire effort of a couple could be devoted profitably to working with the elderly: leading them to find comfort and rest in the knowledge of the Lord.

The youth ministry has blossomed in so many directions that it is difficult to determine which should receive the principal concentration of effort. Since the objective has always been a work among German-speaking people, as we might expect, there are weekly youth activities including Bible study classes, training in personal witnessing, and fellowship times. Roger's knowledge in electronics has opened doors for contact with German youth. His goal has been to establish Paul-Timothy relationships with several young men so that as the newly established church begins to grow there will be prepared German leadership ready to step into the places of responsibility.

Another definite field of opportunity among youth was unsuspected when the decision was first made to enter Stuttgart. Two major U.S. military bases give Stuttgart one of the largest concentrations of U.S. families anywhere outside of America. An English-speaking high school of 1200-1500 teenagers has provided opportunities for Bible clubs, Christian film showings and personal evangelism

so vast as to be limited only by the missionary's available time. Doors have been opened on the military bases by Christian servicemen, and many have been reached for Christ.

For the general German populace there have been Bible classes, audiovisual presentations, personal problem counseling, street evangelism, and other fruitful avenues of contact with receptive people.

Now remember that the context of all this many-faceted missionary ministry has been the purpose to establish a sound Biblical church which will be governed by, supported by, and enlarged by German people. This means that the Peughs have also been engaged in all of the many pastoral duties which fall upon the shoulders of those establishing a new work. It might be a Saturday night spent with a family in trouble preceding a full schedule of Sunday activities. It certainly means the pastoral concern of every troubled heart in the little flock. For example, Nancy spent several hours listening to and encouraging a very distressed mother immediately before our party arrived to visit them. In addition, there are some who are not anxious to see a new church in the community, who have done what they could to thwart such effort, thus adding to the heavy burden.

So—is it really worthwhile: this learning to live with a new language and customs; this facing of opportunities which offer more than available resources will allow? The answer again: where God calls He enables. Roger and Nancy are seeing lives changed because they are where God has placed them. The church is growing. Disillusioned people are leaving lifeless religious groups to unite and become active. There is challenge and excitement in the vastness of the opportunity.

The question which remains then is: does the God who enables mean for us to continue in so limited a manner? Is there not another couple who will brave the adventure of custom and tongue that God can thrust into this ripened harvest field? ☛



On the Go in Mexico

(1) The Vacation Bible School workers in the border area were leaving for their first VBS encounter of the 1974 season at Caborca and Pitiquito, Sonora, Mexico. The team consisted of missionary Walter Haag and his younger daughter, Sandra (center), who gave six weeks of her summer to work along with TIME missionaries Jill Moine (left) and Vicky Witt (right).

(2) Boys at Pitiquito use truck bumper for their table to color their VBS workbooks. The small church building was overflowing with more than 50 people, and the air was fresher if not cooler outside.

(3) Rev. Jack Churchill (in the back, near the right) and his class at the "Agua Viva" camp, about ten miles east of Ensenada. The theme was Basic

Bible doctrines (God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, Inspiration, and so forth).

(4) The chapel service of the "Agua Viva" camp met under the large live oak trees.

(5) Junior campers at the "Agua Viva" camp. At the conclusion of the week they presented their theme song of the week to the senior campers. The song was the "Wordless Book" with a stanza for each color. The adult leader is Celia Dominguez, who took the Child Evangelism training course in Puebla, Mexico, two years ago.

(6) Mariano Dominguez, who pastored the Mexicali church with good church growth for two years, and his wife, Celia. They resigned to go to a Bible institute, but took an active part

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Photos by Walter Haag

in the 1974 camp before leaving for school.

(7) Missionary Walter Haag giving the Bible study preparatory to a baptismal service in the Colorado River. Standing next to him is Pastor Guillermo Galvez of the San Luis Revolution church. Kneeling is Pastor Mariano Dominguez of Mexicali, and on the right, Candelario Lopez of the San Luis Sinaloa church, a layman.

(8) Walter Haag baptizes a Mexican believer in the Colorado River at San Luis, Sonora, not many feet from the southwest corner of the State of Arizona. (Baja California, is in the background.)

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Let's Look at Brazil

The largest nation in South America, with a population of more than 102 million, and the only South American country where Portuguese is the official language—this is the sprawling, awakening giant called Brazil. With rapid economic advances during the last 20 years, Brazil has passed from an agricultural to an industrial economy, now ranking ninth among the world powers.

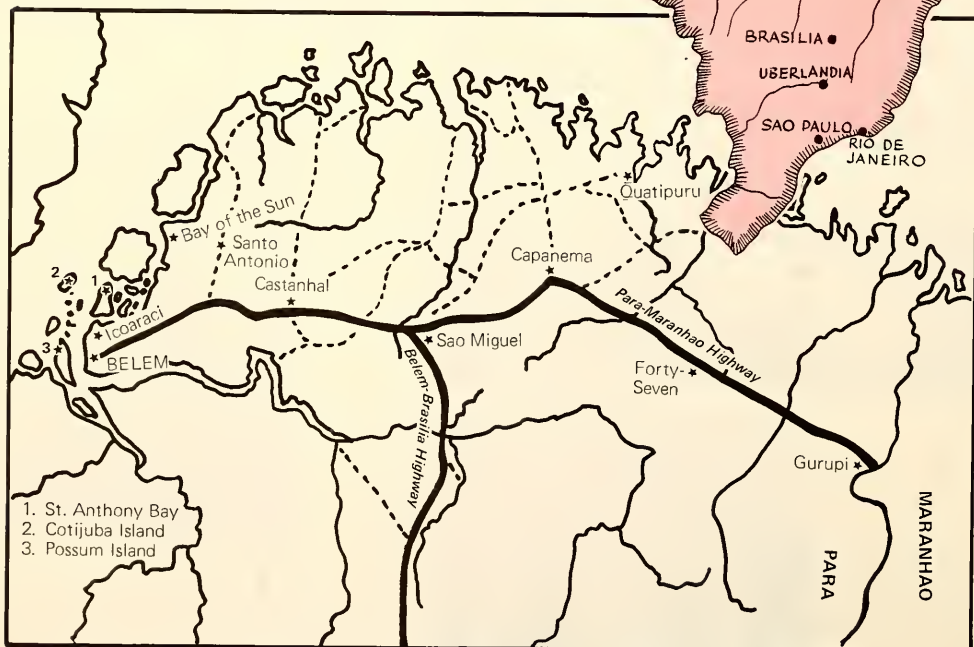
The evangelical church in Brazil is progressing at a pace more rapid than in other areas of the world. A religious survey by Sao Paulo's leading newspaper claims that the nation has over ten million practicing Protestants, compared to only eight million prac-

ticing Roman Catholics. This is an astounding statement when one realizes that just a few years ago Brazil was looked upon as the leading Roman Catholic country in the world, with the Roman church claiming 95 percent of the population. The main religion

of the country, however, is a unique brand of Brazilian spiritism called "Umbanda."

The Brethren testimony was pioneered by the Keith Altig family who entered the land in 1949. An observance is planned for the latter part of January, 1975, to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the beginning of the work. Dr. Wayne Beaver is to be in Brazil at that time and will be the special anniversary speaker. Up to the present the Brethren work has been concentrated in the general area around the mouth of the world's larg-

By Marcia Wardell
Foreign Missions Office Secretary



est river, the mighty Amazon. There are 20 missionaries on the staff at present—nine couples and two single women.

Starting at Belem, which is the capital of the state of Para, we find three missionary families stationed in this major city: The George Johnsons, the George (Duke) Wallaces, and the Ernie Bearingers. Mr. Johnson is superintendent on the field, and directs the extension seminary program. Duke Wallace is occupied in evangelism and church planting. He also oversees the work in Coqueiro and Marituba. Mr. Beringer is the mission's business manager and financial secretary, and is engaged in a film ministry.

The Ralph Schwartz family lives about 12 miles from Belem in the town of Icoaraci where the Brethren Church ministry was begun 25 years ago. The Schwartzes are involved in church planting and evangelism in Belem. National pastor Raimundo Cardosa is at the Icoaraci church.

Moving east along the Belem-Brasilia highway approximately 40 miles, we arrive at the city of Castanhal. Here the Keith Altigs are caring for a work that they initiated in their last term and which was further developed by the Tim Farners. Besides overseeing the Castanhal testimony, the Altigs are at the same time attempting to start a new work among some Brethren families in the city of Santarem, several hundred miles inland, about halfway up the Amazon River between Belem and Manaus. Santarem serves as the port city for the new TransAmazon highway.

Traveling farther east, beyond the place where the Belem-Brasilia highway cuts south, one arrives at the town of Capanema, which is approximately 90 miles out of Belem. Here the Earle Hodgsons are in charge of church development, not only in the town itself, but in the many surrounding communities.

The Eddie Millers have set up their base 47 kilometers down the Para-Maranhao highway at the town which



Missionaries George Johnson, Eddie Miller, and Tim Farner, along with a national pastor, at a signpost on the TransAmazon highway. Additional missionary personnel could help the Brethren claim some of the opportunities presenting themselves through the opening of new areas in Brazil's back country.

is known as "47." The link finally connecting the state of Para with the state of Maranhao has been finished and dedicated, and the Millers are taking advantage of the opportunities along this highway to evangelize and establish churches. That is, the road indicated on the map as ending at Gurupi now goes over into the adjoining state of Maranhao, and Brethren testimonies have been started at four places in that state. Other testimonies are situated between "47" and Gurupi—including "74," where a new church building was recently dedicated, and "96."

Located on the Belem-Brasilia highway, just after it makes the turn to the south, there is a town known as Sao Miguel. From here one must take a boat and travel about 20 minutes down the Guama River to reach the Bill Burk residence. The Guama is a tributary of the Amazon, and the Burks are involved in an evangelism and discipling ministry among the people who live along the banks of this river.

The Tim Farners, who were at Castanhal before their recent furlough, have been selected as the missionaries to head the first Brethren thrust south. Some months ago, at the direction of

the field council, Tim along with Eddie Miller and George Johnson made a trip of investigation into the southern area. Their recommendation was that Uberlandia—almost midway between Brasilia and Sao Paulo—be the site of the new effort. The reasons for the selection were set forth in Mr. Farner's report, condensed in the August 3, 1974, issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*. The Farners should be in their new endeavor by the time you read this. Also selected to help in the Uberlandia thrust are Barbara Hulse and Kwang Ja Park, who are still on furlough in the U.S. at present. Both formerly served in the Belem area.

Brethren missionaries were also stationed at one time 200 miles across the Amazon to the north in the city of Macapa. The church there is in the hands of a national pastor. National pastors also care for churches in Quatipuru and the Amazon islands where the Burks served in earlier terms.

Twenty-five years of the Brethren testimony have produced real results in spreading the Gospel. The need is tremendous for additional personnel to help claim the unlimited opportunities for giving the Good News of Jesus Christ to this giant land.

As mission-minded people, we need to continually evaluate and re-evaluate our involvement. Here are some valuable suggestions on how to give our missionaries more effective financial, emotional and spiritual support.



Are We Fair to

By Gordon Chilvers

portunities and mastering a language demand mental alertness, but fatigue and numerous diseases attack them.

The missionary's social life is important. A few ill-chosen words or a tactless deed could close a door for years. Although he may have no Christian fellowship, a missionary must maintain and deepen his spiritual life. Fears, doubts, discouragements and loneliness can attack him. "Living in harmony with one another" one missionary told me was his most serious problem.

Will the missionary feel the impact of our disciplined, costly prayers? Mary Waggoner writes: "Since our return to Kenya we have already sensed the tug of prayer. . . . The water pump at the river needed attention. When Mr. Lewton and Mr. Waggoner went to care for it, they encountered a huge cobra coming toward them with neck spread and raised two feet in the air. Mr. Waggoner spotted the deadly creature and called for Mr. Lewton to jump into the jeep. The cobra shot off down the hill. Later we learned that a sister had been awakened in the early morning and, being alarmed for us, awakened her husband. Together they prayed for us. She gave us the hour. She was praying when the men were at the river. How grateful we are that she was faithful!"

Yes, we support missionary work

by our giving, but is it informed giving? The goods we send—will they be worth the cost of the import tax to the missionary? The technical equipment we ship—will it approach in value what we have bought for ourselves?

Is our giving sacrificial? Have we deprived ourselves of a useful product that the missionary might have a necessity? We can best evaluate our stewardship by what we have left after making our gifts. Jesus sat over against the treasury and observed people's offerings. The wealthy made large gifts. He made no comment; they had much left. A widow put in a cent. Not worth a thought, the rich would have said. But Jesus said she had given more than all the others; she had given her all.

We collect our castoff clothing. Have we inquired first whether the missionary will find it useful? His family is probably poor, but perhaps they would not be happily dressed in what we reckon useless. One church in Ohio had a better idea. When their missionaries came home on furlough they were dressed in clothes ten years out of date. Church members immediately arranged a "Clothing Shower." Several hundred dollars were given to provide the missionaries and their children with up-to-date wardrobes.

If the clothing is intended for the nationals, find out if they would be pleased to wear it. Is there some taboo which makes its use impossible?

When we buy something better, we send our old technical equipment. A missionary dentist in India received a set of dental instruments from a dentist in America. In the letter accompanying the gift was this statement: "I have just bought the most modern equipment available, so I

Of course we are fair to them. We pray for them every time we hear from them. We give generously—not always money, but all our old clothes and technical equipment. We invite them to write. When they come home on furlough we give them many speaking engagements.

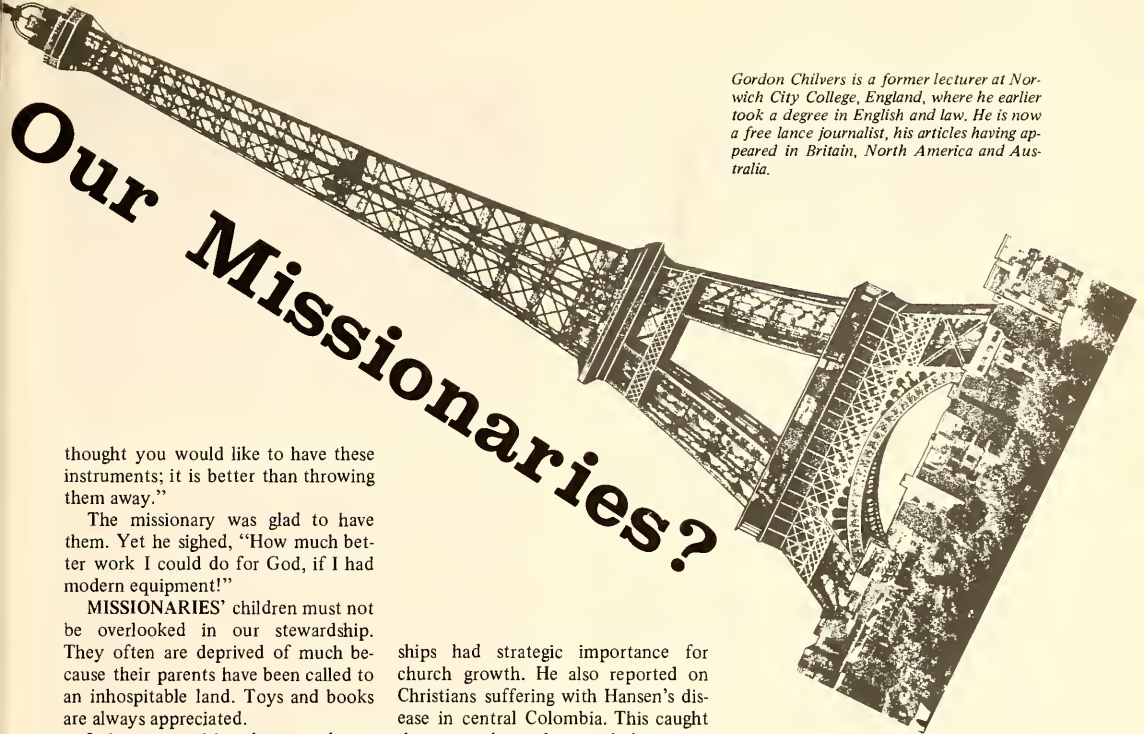
Yes, we pray..but is it, "God, bless all the missionaries, Amen"? Or "God, bless their educational work"?

These petitions are too general. To pray specifically and effectively we must be informed about the person and his work. Missionary prayer letters and the mission board's literature help. A letter to the missionary will bring more exact knowledge of his specific needs.

We can also better understand a missionary's needs by knowing our own. One returned missionary advises: "Look into your own heart. Except for geography, it is the heart of a missionary."

WHAT are missionary problems that call for our specific prayer?

They need good physical health to work effectively. Seeing available op-



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thought you would like to have these instruments; it is better than throwing them away."

The missionary was glad to have them. Yet he sighed, "How much better work I could do for God, if I had modern equipment!"

MISSIONARIES' children must not be overlooked in our stewardship. They often are deprived of much because their parents have been called to an inhospitable land. Toys and books are always appreciated.

It is not surprising that we ask our missionaries to let us know what large numbers of people have been converted through their work. We want the best value possible for our missionary dollar. But if missionaries think we are looking for what is sensational, they will be tempted to respond by concentrating more on glamorous details than on balanced reporting. A veteran missionary made this remark: "Remember, they aren't interested in facts. Just make it a good story!"

Often a man is a faithful missionary for many years, yet the conversions he can honestly report are exceedingly few. I once asked Stanley Miles of the North Africa Mission how many Muslims he had led to the Lord during his long stay in Tunis. "About 20," he answered. How unfair it would have been to have asked him for sensational reports of his work!

Dr. Aulden D. Coble, a missionary for 30 years and currently director of the Spanish Language Institute, Costa Rica, tells us of his experience speaking to church groups in America. He asked for their financial support in preparing Colombian Bible Institute and normal school students as teachers and evangelists. Buildings and scholar-

ships had strategic importance for church growth. He also reported on Christians suffering with Hansen's disease in central Colombia. This caught the sympathy and opened the purses of American Christians immediately. He adds, "Real honesty demanded emphasis on the more prosaic yet far more strategic Bible Institute needs. I was tempted to not tell the truth—to build on the emotional response to the leprosy story."

We can prevent this temptation. We can make our giving systematic, not emotional or impulsive. We can let our missionaries know that neither our prayers nor financial support will diminish for lack of sensational news.

When missionaries return home we try to arrange a rapid succession of dinner and luncheon engagements. Surely our missionaries want to speak on every possible occasion. Are they not keen to tell us the startling results of our prayers and financial support?

ON THE FIELD, the missionary's devoted service is demanding. In most places opportunities for work exceed available personnel. So the missionary has worked as many hours as physical strength and nervous energy have permitted. In some countries the thermometer soars day and night for weeks on end. Relations with the rulers or government have perhaps been delicate. He is tired. What he

wants is rest.

Often a missionary has few opportunities to enjoy Christian fellowship while abroad. When in his home country, he covets fellowship with sympathetic Christians. If asked to speak before he is ready, he will probably accept the invitation, but misunderstandings easily occur; they could lead to diminished support.

After he has had physical rest and enjoyed warm Christian fellowship, he should be asked when he is ready to speak. Then he can enjoy telling us what we are eager to know. His furlough will have been a true preparation for further service for God.

Being informed in our praying and giving will demand sustained effort that takes time. Being reasonable in our requests for information and speaking engagements will mean exercising restraint. Yet how valuable will be the final results! We shall have been true partners with our missionaries: both missionaries and supporters will finally be "workers together with God."

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NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE
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Ormond Beach, Fla. Pastor and Mrs. Gary Cole announce the birth of **Andrew Michael**, seven pounds, two ounces, on Nov. 26.

A recent weekend was booked full of special events for this home-missions church. On Saturday, men of the church began clearing off a portion of the future building site. A group of young people from the nearby Grace Brethren Church of Orlando came in Sunday morning to conduct the worship service. Including the group from Orlando, attendance was 41 for the service. Focusing his message on the work in Brazil, **Rev. John Zielasko** explained the ministry of Brethren Foreign Missions to the 21 attending the evening service. **Gary M. Cole**, pastor.

Philadelphia, Pa. The First Brethren Church celebrated their 100th anniversary on Anniversary Sunday, Oct. 20. Numerous friends and former members gave testimony of former years of the church. **Roger L. Wambold**, pastor.

Washington, D.C. (EP)—A compromise is reportedly being worked out under which trade restrictions against the Soviet Union would be lifted and at least 60,000 Soviet Jews a year would be allowed to emigrate.

The 60,000 figure would represent a 70 percent increase over the 35,000 allowed to emigrate last year, which was a record number.



Pastor James Ament baptizes two of the twelve candidates at Hemet, Calif.

Hemet, Calif. It was record day Oct. 27 and three of them turned out broken. All three Sunday services registered new attendance highs: Sunday School, 63; morning worship, 69; evening worship, 44. The new baptistry, secured from the Grand Terrace church which recently closed, was initiated the same day at noon. **Pastor James Ament** baptized 12, the first in their own church.

Fort Wayne, Ind. Evangelist **Bill Smith** witnessed 16 public decisions during a November crusade at the First Brethren Church. **Galen Lingenfelter**, pastor.

Armagh, Pa. **Andrew David**, born to **Pastor and Mrs. David Plaster** July 5, was dedicated to the Lord Sept. 29 at the Valley Grace Brethren Church. **Rev. Robert Crees**, Andrew's grandfather, officiated at the ceremony.

Nominations Open for 1975 Brethren Sunday School of the Year

A committee representing the Christian Education Department is interested in evaluating growth and progress of Brethren Sunday Schools during the current conference year in preparation for the naming of a "Sunday School of the Year" at the 1975 Christian Education Convention, Aug. 2-4, 1975, at Winona Lake, Indiana.

Published guidelines for the selection are as follows:

1. Consistent growth.
2. Consistent improvement. This includes physical plant, teacher training, teacher-worker conferences, measuring according to the Standard.
3. Total cooperation in the program of the Christian Education Department. In addition to the attendance contest, this involves cooperation in the enlargement campaign, total grading and use of a standard curriculum, meeting the suggested goal of \$2.00 per member per year.
4. Outstanding achievement. This is based on observation and on achievements reported to the national office.
5. No school will be eligible for this award unless all attendance contest reports for the year have been received.

A detailed account of progress in Sunday School ministry is most helpful to the committee charged with making this selection. All Sunday Schools are invited to present a record of their accomplishments, growth, and overall improvement through a scrapbook, letter, or other form of report.

Such information should be submitted before July 15, 1975, for consideration by the selection committee. Send your reports to: Sunday School of the Year Committee, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.



Participating in the ordination of Rev. Paul Woodruff were (l to r) Rev. Edward Scofield, Mr. Jon Beam, Mr. Marian Forrest, Jr., Mr. Ralph Heist, Rev. Charles Lawson and Rev. Gerald Polman.

Clayton, Ohio. After three years of ministry at the Clayton Grace Brethren Church, **Rev. Paul Woodruff** was ordained to the Christian ministry in the Fall of '74. Guest speaker for the service was **Rev. Charles Lawson**. Pastor Woodruff later resigned his position at Clayton and now pastors the Grace Brethren Church of Indianapolis, Ind. Jon E. Beam, church secretary.

St. Petersburg, Fla. Bussing is going over big in this town. Not the school kind; the church kind. Bus Director and Associate Pastor Sam Baer reports that an average of over 200 per week ride the buses.

The new addition to the building is now under roof. Bills have been paid without the need to borrow money for the project. William Tweeddale, pastor.

Greenville, Ohio (EP)—Judge Howard Eley of the Darke County Court of Common Pleas announced sentences upon 12 parents for sending their children to an unaccredited school operated by a fundamental church in Bradford, Ohio. Each of the parents was fined the maximum amount of \$20. The parents were also required to post \$100 bond for each case to insure their compliance with the law.

(Several of the parents were tried as couples and had to post only \$100 for both.) Judge Eley then suspended execution of the sentences pending appeal.

The judge had asked each of the parents to sign a bond to place their children in a state-approved school immediately. But when they gave oral notice of appeal, he suspended execution of that requirement and permitted them to send their children back to the Christian school while the appeal goes through.

Change. The zip code for Water Haag should be 92173. Please change your *Annual*.

Duncansville, Pa. Following hospitalization for a heart attack Oct. 18, **Rev. George Ritchey** has been released from the hospital for recuperation at home. Although he can be active part of the day, it may be a year before strenuous activity is allowed. The Ritchey's now reside at R. D. 3, Duncansville, Pa. 16635, and attend the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church.

Johnstown, Pa. A dozen special couples were honored in a unique banquet at the First Brethren Church Oct. 19. The event recognized couples in the church who had been married 50 years or longer. They were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moore, 66 years; Mr. and Mrs. William Phenicie, 64 years; Mr. and Mrs. James Neilson, 62 years; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Blough, 62 years; Mr. and Mrs. John W. Sell, 60 years; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Horner, 59 years; Mr. and Mrs. John Barron, 55 years; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Himes, 55 years; Mr. and Mrs. Earle Thomas, 52 years; Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Mitchell, 51 years; Mr. and Mrs. Russell V. Redinger, 50 years; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Dunkle, 50 years. Wesley Haller, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Bell, Calif. Jan. 5-10; Norman Schrock, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

Cypress, Calif. Jan. 12-17; Charles Mayes, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

CULVER, Arlene (Hoyt), 60, Oct. 27. She was the wife of Dr. Robert Culver, former Brethren minister and former professor of systematic theology at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Ill. At the time of her death, the Culvers were preparing for a move to Lincoln, Nebr., where Dr. Culver would assume the pastorate of the First Evangelical Free Church.

FRETZ, Estella K., 94, Nov. 18. She was a charter member of the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Pa., and the mother of Walter Fretz, Financial Secretary of the Brethren Investment Foundation. Robert Griffith, pastor.

GOOD, J. Carl, a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Wesley Haller, pastor.

KALESSE, Harriet, 91, Nov. 20. She was a member of the Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa., for 60 years. Until recent years of confinement, she taught Sunday School. W. Wayne Baker, pastor.

MARGERISON, Elizabeth, 64, Oct. 11. She was a longtime member of the Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa., and named the church as beneficiary of her estate. W. Wayne Baker, pastor.

MENSINGER, Ben, Nov. 18. He was a leader and member of the the New Troy (Mich.) Brethren Church since its beginning. He was the father of Rev. Eddie Mensinger and Miss Carol Mensinger, missionaries to Africa. Ronzil Jarvis, pastor.

MOYER, Cora R., 60, Nov. 19. She was a member of the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Pa. She was killed in an automobile accident on the way to the funeral of her mother, Estella Fretz (see above), who had died the day before. Robert Griffith, pastor.

ROYER, J. Samuel, Sept. 8. He was a charter member of the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Pa. Robert Griffith, pastor.

1974--A Leaderless Parade

The earth has once more looped the sun, spinning off a remarkable year in which the hope of the Gospel shined brighter against a background of increasing despair.

Scandals, feuding and resignations rattled the foundations of Western governments; inflation widened the gulf between the haves and havenots in a global community of 3.8 billion people that increased by 70 million in 1974.

Morally, 1974 skidded: nudity stripped away inhibitions; shame was in shorter supply; heroin usage increased but alcohol consumption became the number one scourge among youth. One of every four U.S. marriages ended in divorce as the old tradition of marriage then babies was reversed by teen couples released from precedent.

Fewer American youth considered religion "a very important value." Suicides reached epidemic proportions among youth; starvation took more than 15,000 lives every day.

Recycling of limited resources, begun largely by church groups, caught on in 1974. Victory over smallpox was announced. Christmas tree lights illuminated the car-strangled cities again as the big E turned back from ecology to energy.

Nonreligious funerals were a growing trend in 1974. Sexists asked, "Is God 'He'?" Homosexuals were ordained to the Christian ministry and women confirmed as priests.

Nineteen hundred seventy-four was a breakthrough for women politicians: 18 were elected to the U.S. House of Representatives; the number of women state legislators increased from 305 in 1969 to 587 in 1974.

TV addiction leveled off as sanstube family activities grew more popular. Americans spent \$27.2 billion for booze (\$3.1 million an hour); cigarette smoking increased; the popularity of large families declined; 23 million Americans lived below the "poverty line"; thousands bore witness to "evil spirits"; and 88 percent of high school

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students polled believed public officials were dishonest.

The man who opened the year at the National Prayer Breakfast declaring that "Americans should spend more time listening to what God wants the nation to do rather than telling God what they would like America to be," resigned in disgrace after his situation ethics were uncovered. The new Commander-in-Chief (first in nearly 200 years to be elected without vote of the citizenry) asked the nation to "confirm me with your prayers."

The year opened with 14,000 Christian students on their knees at Urbana, Illinois. Young people by the thousands met throughout the year in cornfield Jesus rallies and home assemblies, eschewing "churchianity" while embracing Christianity. The Senate Joint Resolution 183 called Americans to a "National Day of Humiliation, Fasting and Prayer," on April 30.

Denominations

Church leaders who survived the conflicts of the 1960s headed into new controversies: Missouri-Synod Lutherans clashed over Biblical inspiration; bishops of many denominations complained that young ministers were unwilling to endure humdrum pastoral duties; gift increases of 7.7 percent were not enough to offset the 9.6 percent drop in the U.S. dollar's purchasing power; 11 women Episcopalians in Philadelphia shocked their church by performing the Eucharist; the Vatican tried to squelch a drive to make the Roman Catholic church more democratic; clergy dropouts continued to plague each denomination.

Southern Presbyterians weighed union with other churches at its 114th General Assembly; U.S. Lutherans and Jews met to seek stronger relationships and remove historical barriers; Commissioners of the United Church of

Christ approved a plan of union with the Anglican Church of Canada and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The spotlight on the Charismatics dimmed (some denominations strongly condemned them) but they continued to flourish in 1974. Overextending and securities violations crippled retirement communities and such vast evangelical enterprises as those led by Rex Humbard, Charles Blair, and Jerry Falwell. Sunday Schools in evangelical churches grew larger while those of liberal churches in general declined. A total of 62.4 percent of Americans held a religious belief.

A Unitarian minister in 1974 prepared a "Rite for Divorce" formalizing a couple's "I Do's" to become two instead of one. Rev. Sun Myung Moon's heretical "One World Crusade," spawned in Korea, aggrandized in North America. Bank loans for churches dwindled and abuses in the church bond market were greater than in any other area of the financial securities market.

Christ's prayer that believers "all may be one" seemed less remote than in other years. And what unity was lacking in organization was realized in spiritual fellowship.



Missions

Bearers of Christ's Good News to a lost world reaped both victory and defeat throughout 1974. In a historic switch, Chinese Christians in Singapore sent \$1,000 to a low-income Spanish-speaking Texas church. The total of national mission agencies in Asia rose to 200. India's runaway population kept the nation in the shadow of mass starvation but the people responded to missionary outreach.

Korea hosted Explo '74, Campus Crusade for Christ's five-day training seminar which drew 303,000 registrants from 78 countries. Missions in Japan were handicapped by inflation pegged at 23 percent increases; her Protestant population dropped; the energy crisis altered for the first time Japan's traditional job-for-a-lifetime arrangement, threatening to force the population into a free-floating society with its impending moral dangers.

China's allegiance to the "Little Red Book" lessened; Europe was called a "post-Christian society," making missionary effort difficult (for the first time there were more Baptists in Asia than in Europe). Evangelicals in Italy started the "Cornelius Corps"; Spain's evangelicals staged the first Iberian Congress on Evangelization for some 1,000 participants representing the country's 500 congregations and 35,000 evangelical believers—a first for Spain.

Soviet Christians carried out programs of evangelism in a society where religion has the same status as pornography. Bible smugglers and radio broadcasts in Russian from outside abounded.

The eyes of the world were on Lausanne, Switzerland, in mid-1974 as 4,000 people (2,700 participants) from 150 countries met for ten days to discuss in plenary sessions and in 80 strategy groups how to build new relationships between missionaries and national Christians in emerging churches. Eighty-five percent of the participants signed the 3,000-word "Lausanne Covenant" affirming their understanding of the purpose of God, the authority of the Bible, the church and evangelism, social responsibility and the return of Christ. Honorary Congress Chairman Billy Graham was afterward elected interim chairman of a 48-member "continuation committee" directing the publication of Congress documents and a documentary film.

Africa presented a paradox: Outspoken nations critical of missions suggested that perhaps Americans should "look to your own country," as the United Methodist Bishop of Angola declared. Libyan Chief of State Col. Muammar el-Quaddafi declared that the African continent must rid itself of "European" Christianity which, he said, was a "tool of colonialism"—all this against reports of unprecedented growth among churches.

In Sierra Leone the largest evangelistic crusade in the country's history culminated a series of significant spiritual events. John Wilson, a resident of Kampala, said Uganda was "turning to God" in remarkable ways.

Bible sales boomed in Ghana. More than 1,800 decisions for Christ were recorded in Nigeria at a six-day evangelistic crusade sponsored by the Nigerian Baptist Convention.

The dreaded onslaught of mass starvation and epidemics touched nations from Ethiopia to the sub-Sahara where babies and adults died by the hundreds and where prolonged drought threatened an estimated five million people. Relief agencies invested huge amounts of money and manpower to fight the scourge.

This year the first-ever "Association of Evangelical Christians in the Sudan" was formed—a move typical of encouraging trends among Christian nationals in Africa. Evangelist Arthur Blessitt said he would like to see Americans as "people conscious" as black Africans.

National missions thrived among the 277.1 million people of the Latin American mainland while traditional missionary enterprise slowed. A native of Peru declared that the church in the "Third World" is "acutely embarrassed" at the image of Christianity held in those parts of the globe, and that it was "attempting to live down and outlive the commonly held view that Christianity was in some way a part of the 'imperialistic plot' to dominate the world."

In Rio de Janeiro, 225,000 Brazilians jammed Maracana Stadium—world's largest—to hear Evangelist Billy Graham.

In Los Angeles, Dr. Graham told a Hollywood Bowl audience celebrating his big start in evangelism 25 years earlier, that the "time is short" for America.

Thirty-one churches in 17 states tested a special summer evangelism project via newspaper ads; the Evangelization Forum was begun, looking ahead to evangelistic activity during the United States' bicentennial. The National Association for Media Evangelism was organized. Hundreds of evangelists and evangelism projects such as "Power 1974" in England enlisted millions of people in support of the Christian message. They found people craving moral and spiritual leadership in the complicated world of 1974.

Education

Secularized education left little room for the Christian message, although notable exceptions were recorded: Gideons distributed New Testaments in 20 Hoosier elementary schools; the Pennsylvania Supreme

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RELIGION IN REVIEW

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Court ruled that prayers in connection with public school ceremonies do not violate the Constitution; Minnesota's attorney general ruled that a church can require that students be released from public schools for religious instruction up to one day a week; and "teaching about religion" was promoted in 25 of the 50 United States.

On the debit side: Indiana officials fired a teacher for reading the Bible to his mathematics classes; A North Carolina teacher quit when officials threatened to fire her for arranging a minute of silent prayer with first-grade pupils; the California Board of Education voted to replace a reference to the Bible in a science textbook with a reference to the theory of evolution; intense opposition arose to meet President Ford's advocacy of Federal aid for parochial and private schools with state money and Florida public schools were ordered to stop scheduling spring vacations around Easter weekend to eliminate the direct and immediate effect of advancing religion."

College costs rose again (up 35 percent in four years) and Christian schools faced cutbacks as inflation reduced purchasing power.

Publishing

Forty-two percent of American families bought Bibles or other religious books in 1974 as the hot market for evangelical books continued. Paper shortages plagued major printing houses, but something new emerged: World Home Bible League's "take home" Bibles in motel rooms. High-flight began putting Bibles in airliners and the United Bible Societies approved a record \$10.9 million to translate and produce Scriptures worldwide.

Sixteen publishing houses founded the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association. The Evangelical Press Association, Associated Church Press and Catholic Press Association rejoiced over Congress' Postal Bill S.411 which modified exorbitant mail costs for periodicals. Sunday School literature faced a 10 percent cost rise.

The global "Scripture language count" stood at 1,526 among a total of 5,687 languages listed by Wycliffe

Bible Translators' updated *Ethnologue*. After 20 years of work, new Hungarian translations of the Old and New Testaments were ready for the presses. Christian publishing flourished in Russia. Paper shortages in Britain cut into Bible production by 20 percent but the humming presses continued to add an important dimension to the outreach of the Gospel worldwide.

Broadcasting

Since there is no roof on the world, the long arms of radio and television reached where missionaries could not go. Hundreds of weekly broadcasts were aimed at the Soviet Union, China and remote outposts. One thousand broadcasters began the year at the National Religious Broadcasters' Washington, D.C., convention seeking ways to update their medium and expertise.

Television, "the beast among us," offered ratings showing that it is "the most important influence on American lives today."

Billy Graham successfully tied two cities together by TV and visual amplification for a simultaneous crusade in Virginia. A new TV series titled "Search" and featuring Bruce Larson was launched as a follow-up to Key 73's "More Than You Are" program. Moody Bible Institute's purchase of KCFA AM-FM in Spokane raised its radio network to seven stations. Back to the Bible Broadcast celebrated 35 years on the air; so did John Jess. Radio was still the best bargain in global evangelism.

Famine

Twelve nations were on the verge of bankruptcy in 1974 and world food reserves were adequate for only 27 days. Students hiked and biked to lobby for food funds; church leaders called their people to meatless diets and to repentance for past sins of omission; members of the World Council of Churches' Central Committee, jolted by a report on the helplessness of the world to feed its people, fell into silent prayer "too overwhelmed to speak."

Four agencies (Food for the Hungry, World Gospel Crusades, King's Garden and the Seattle Association of Evangelicals) dedicated a C-47 airplane to carry food, medicine and gospel literature to crisis areas of the globe.

A Jewish leader likened apathy toward hunger by rich nations to world apathy to the Nazi slaughter of Jews a generation ago. Bread for the World went national to openly campaign politically for the poor and hungry. Churchmen pressed reluctant government officials to reserve 10 percent of exportable commodities for food programs. A World Food Conference in Rome created a World Food Council to coordinate the global war on hunger. "We must act soon," U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger warned. "If we do not act boldly, disaster will result from a failure of will." The poor, said a missionary, may take up arms to demand their inheritance if it is denied them.

Deaths

Notable personalities who passed from the scene in 1974 included UPI Religion Editor Louis Cassels; Frank Dewey Lockman, founder-president of the Lockman Foundation and sponsor of the New American Standard Bible; Ralph Freed, veteran Christian broadcaster with Trans World Radio; Clate A. Risley, president of the World Wide Christian Education Ministries (shot to death in a holdup attempt near his Chicago office); L. Richard Burnap, book editor of David C. Cook Co.; Virginia L. Bell, widow of L. Nelson Bell; George R. Warner, retired president of the World Gospel Mission.

Nineteen seventy-four—what a year! A year of Watergate, amnesty, Lausanne and inflation... a year of the PLO, EPA, SLA, and WIN!... a year of civilization which Malcolm Muggeridge described as being in an "advanced stage of decomposition"... a year in which Dr. Benjamin Spock envied "parents who see God clearly and concretely, because they can then explain Him in a way that is easy for a child to understand."

The world of 1974 marched to a hundred different signals in a ragged column, but the Light that first came to Bethlehem two thousand years ago still guided those with faith to see.

O Splendor of God's glory bright,
From light eternal bringing light,
Thou Light of light, light's living Spring,
True Day, all days illumining.





THE SWITCHBOARD

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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO YOUTH TRAINING HOUR?

Lines from Lewis

By Ed Lewis

Director of Youth Ministries

Remember youth training hour when you were a teen? The meetings were probably on Sunday evenings. You helped plan the program and enlisted other teens for various responsibilities. Some led songs, shared testimonies, led discussions or planned games. Others made posters and participated in panels and skits.

What has happened to youth training hours? Did they fail or become out of date? No, not really. But for some reason through the years it seems that youth meetings have been leaning increasingly toward more sponsor-centered meetings rather than teen-centered. Although youth meetings led by adult sponsors are often beneficial, they fail to train youth to exercise their gifts and talents. Teens may know lots of Bible content, but they fail to know how to use that content to edify others.

A priority in youth meetings should be the development of teen leadership (responsibility). These meetings should also focus on problems which are pertinent to teens. A training hour should also lead the teens to build a bond of fellowship with one another while

demonstrating love for those outside the body of Christ.

Youth are most interested in things which *they* do. But often teens are made to feel like mere spectators in churches (until they're "old enough" to participate).

Imagine the average church for a young person. He studies the Bible in a teacher-led Sunday School, he listens and worships in pastor-led services on Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and midweek. If he goes to a youth meeting where he sits and listens to the sponsor lead a Bible study, what is there in the church that is *his*? It is no wonder that we see teens who would rather not be involved—would rather not participate in church services, sing, share a testimony, or even show concern for the community. *Perhaps we're guilty of training youth to be spectators.*

Some teens will complain at the thought of responsibility. But they are learning responsibility at home and school. Why not at church? It may be easier for a sponsor to lead a simple discussion or game, but it's not training teens for leadership. Even if a teen

fails in a responsibility, it's a valuable way for adults to demonstrate Christian love through kind words of counsel and encouragement. Patience is the key.

When a sponsor plans youth meetings himself, he soon becomes tired and frustrated. The teens gradually lose interest and the quality of the meetings decrease. The sponsor's energy and ideas are limited, and soon he's discouraged. So are the teens.

After teens begin to plan the youth meetings, the quality may decrease initially, but their abilities will improve with time. The youth meeting becomes more of a training center. From these responsibilities he sees variety in the youth meetings and even learns to take leadership in reaching outside the church walls.

Young people respond to responsibilities. Be sure your youth meetings include training in teen leadership. We need teens who feel they are an active and important part of the church—that the church is theirs as well as belonging to their parents. We need a renewal of the meaning of Active Christian Teens in our Brethren churches. ☪

FEATURE

The Christian School: Why it is Right for Your Child

By Dr. Paul Kienel

Maybe you've heard of the new mother, typically proud and excited about her newborn daughter. I don't know her name, nor her hometown, just her unusual story. Almost immediately after coming home from the hospital, she and her husband enrolled their daughter in the kindergarten of a nearby Christian school. Five years in advance!

"There's only one kind of education as far as I'm concerned," the young mother explained. "And that's a *Christian* school education. I want to make sure there is a place for my child when it comes time to send her to school."

Unusual? Yes, of course her actions are unusual, but not her thinking. It is consistent with an unprecedented nationwide interest on the part of many parents that is causing the Christian school movement literally to explode across the country. Consider these items about other parents and schools:

- In Wheaton, Illinois, nine parents formed their own car pool to travel a 20-mile round trip each day so their children could attend a Christian school. This expense, of course, is in addition to the monthly tuition for each child. Other parents are traveling even greater distances each day to send their children to Christian schools.

- In Santa Ana, California, 65 students with their parents were turned away after they had waited their turn to enroll in Maranatha Christian Academy. Principal Neal Pirollo said, "This is our first year of operation and we simply could not go beyond our maximum of 400 students." He added, "We are providing for additional classes as rapidly as we can."

- Pensacola (Florida) Christian School is the largest Christian school in America, having reached an enrollment of more than 3,000 students. Plans call for even more expansion, including opening a Christian college in the fall of 1974.

- From 1965 to 1973 the California Association of Christian Schools

increased from 68 to 350 member schools. The association's student population during that period mushroomed from 11,388 to 46,032. Other Christian school organizations around the country reflect similar patterns of growth.

Paradoxically, the Christian school movement is exploding at a time when other segments of private education are recording a decline. Catholic schools are currently losing six percent of their enrollment annually. They closed 365 schools in 1971. Military academies, popular in the '20s and '30s, are very much in decline. The elite private schools are barely holding their own in some areas and are diminishing in others.

Public schools in certain areas are also losing ground. The *Los Angeles Herald Examiner* quoted Dr. Wilson Riles, California state superintendent of public instruction, as saying in 1973 that there were "50,000 fewer students in California public schools this year than last." The Whittier, California, area school districts planned to close three public schools. Nearby Norwalk closed four public schools. A few miles east, the San Bernardino School District is in the process of selling five public school campuses. It is interesting to note that some of the Christian schools in the area are negotiating to purchase these former public school facilities. The declining birth rate accounts for a significant part of the public schools' enrollment decline, but that is not the complete answer.

U.S. News and World Report and *Christian Life* magazines published

*Christian Education Department Editor's note: Dr. Paul Kienel is Executive Director of the California Association of Christian Schools and is well known as a friend to Brethren Christian schools. The material on these pages is drawn from his book, *The Christian School: why it is right for your child*, which is published by Victor Books as a paperback at \$1.50. We recommend this book, available from the Brethren Missionary Herald Co. or your local Christian bookstore.*

articles in 1973 about the burgeoning Christian school movement, referring to this phenomenon as the "Boom in Protestant Schools" and "The Christian School Explosion." According to *U.S. News*, this rapid rise of Protestant Christian schools is literally shaking the teeth of the government's public school establishment. Christ-centered Christian schools now represent the fastest growing educational movement in America. It is also one of the fastest growing segments of the Bible-believing church world.

What is behind it all? There is a "prairie fire" sense of urgency among many parents to find schools for their children that will not be at cross purposes with the teachings of the home and the church. Christian parents and church leaders alike are becoming weary of trying to compete with public schools for the minds of their children and young people.

A seventh-grade public school teacher who sends his son to a Christian school said of his experiences: "As I observe the operations of the public school, I notice that parents and teachers are much of the time at opposite poles of opinion about life, morals, and/or philosophy. I want my son to get the same information about life from school as he gets from home. I can *trust* the Christian school to get Biblical principles over to him as a normal part of growing up. I do not have to 'undo' anything when he gets home."

With all of its problems, public education continues to hold a place of high esteem in the minds of many Americans. For decades, we have held public school education on the same high level as motherhood, apple pie, and the American flag. Multiplied thousands of wonderful people serve as teachers, administrators, and board members in the public school system. Many of these are dedicated Christians. Our Christian college movement in America has supported the public school teaching profession more than any other secular profession. The lar-

gest single department in most Christian colleges is the education department. As a result, there are probably more Christians per capita in public education than in any other secular field. This has been the established pattern for at least a quarter of a century.

Today, however, we see a gradual turning from this established pattern. In the early '70s no Christian college or university in America offered a master's degree in Christian School administration. Now several leading Christian colleges and at least one Christian university offer such a program.

Other Christian colleges have Christian school administration graduate programs in the planning stage. More and more future teachers in Christian colleges are being challenged to consider the Christian school ministry, and courses are being offered in the Christian philosophy of education. Pastors who never supported Christian schools before are beginning to promote local Christian schools or are establishing their own. One national Christian school association received a thousand inquiries last year on how to establish Christian schools. Rev. Paul B. Smith, pastor of People's Church of Toronto, a church that gives more than a million dollars to missions each year, said in *Child Evangelism* magazine in 1971:

"If I had my life as a father to live over again, I would make whatever financial sacrifices that would be necessary in order to send each of my children to a Biblically centered school from kindergarten to the end of college.

"If I had my life as a pastor to live over again, I would warn my people constantly about the dangers of the North American public school system. Over a period of 30 years I have watched with a heavy heart the devastating effects of the public schools, both on my own children and on those of many of my congregation."

Pastor Smith has established a Christian school in his church.

Parents by the thousands, a high percentage of them Christians, have now opted for a Christian school education for their children. Christians who at one time believed that they somehow had a religious obligation to use their children to neutralize or "save" the public school are now more concerned with the outcome of their own children than they are with the outcome of a given local public school system.

The surging Christian school movement represents a new current, a new direction in the Bible-believing church world. There is a shifting of loyalties. There is an intense "grass roots" wave of parental concern for the preservation of children, a concern that will not be denied. The current trends indicate that the Christian school explosion has just begun.

One of the largest groups among the parents who send their youngsters to Christian schools are public school teachers and principals. In 1973 I conducted a nationwide survey among these public school educators and asked them to write a few words concerning why they send their own children to Christian schools. I think you will find this sampling of their replies

interesting!

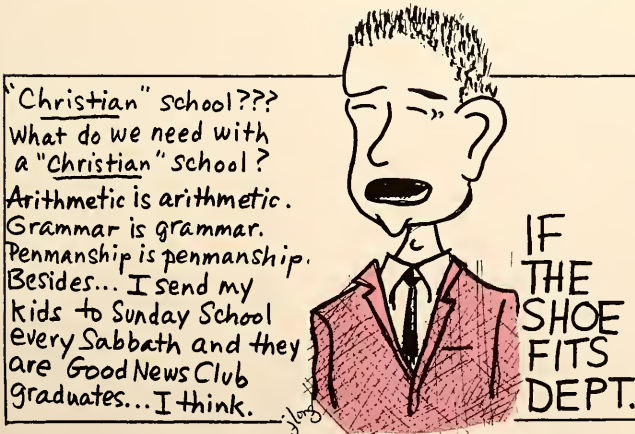
"After teaching 10 years in public schools, I realized many of my students lacked several things: (1) discipline; (2) reading skills; (3) belief in God; and (4) love of people and country. The Christian school has all of these and more. My child loves her school."—*A public schoolteacher who sends her daughter to King's Academy, West Palm Beach, Florida*

"I became a member of the Santa Cruz Board of Education before my children were of school age. Subsequently, two of our children are in Baymonte Christian School. I am tremendously impressed with the impact that is made on a child when the Bible and Christ-oriented exposure become integrated into the learning process."—*A resident of Santa Cruz, California*

"I prefer to send my two children to a Christian school because Christ is central to all information taught and caught. The public school is basically humanistic and materialistic in its approach to life and the fundamental questions of human existence and purpose. The Christian school holds a unique position with the home and the church."—*A public school social studies teacher whose children attend Emerald Empire Christian School, Eugene, Oregon*

"We believe that God does not cease to exist from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, but with the laws and trends affecting public education today, this is the atmosphere in which our children would go to school if they attend public schools. We feel that we want as much continuity as we can get in our children's lives. If one thing is emphasized at home but is contradicted (no matter how subtly) at school, then we lose a great deal of ground. The religious aspect of our children's lives is the most important reason for having them in a Christian school, but there are sound academic reasons for it too. Public schools have had, in our view, too many experimental and innovative programs which, after the damage has been done, prove to be valueless."—*A seventh- and eighth-grade public schoolteacher who sends her three youngsters to San Gabriel Christian School, San Gabriel, California, and to*

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THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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Maranatha Christian High School, Arcadia, California

"Children are a gift from God, entrusted to parents for proper care and training. As Christian parents, we want Christ to be the center of our children's lives including their education. This can only be done in a Christian school by dedicated Christian teachers who put Christ at the center of their lives and of all subject matter."—*A public school tenth-grade teacher who sends his children to Gloucester County Christian School in New Jersey*

"Our public schools are required to work with an increasing number of pupils who waste a great deal of time by disruptive behavior. Such pupils are hostile to teachers and classmates and occasionally attack them physically. Their parents may also be hostile to society. They make it difficult or impossible for learning to take place. These unfortunate children need help, but I do not think my children can help them. I want my children to grow and learn in a wholesome, loving atmosphere where parents, teachers, and students work together and Bible study is provided. Sunday School alone, as good as it is, is not enough."—*A public high school teacher who sends her youngsters to Inglewood Christian School, Inglewood, California*

"We send our daughter to a Christian school because the environment of the public school she would attend does not promote learning. There is a serious lack of discipline, stealing is very common, and the "pod" idea as it is being administered there is a joke. She is a very bright child, and we feel she should not be deprived of the right to learn."—*A fifth-grade public school teacher who sends her daughter to North Florida Christian School, Tallahassee, Florida*

"We send our children to Alma Heights Christian Academy primarily to learn about our Creator and the Holy Bible. There are many advantages to Christian education such as smaller class size, individual attention from warm and understanding people who really care about the whole student, conscientious discipline, and a good

feeling of working together to attain God's will in the student's life."—*A kindergarten public school teacher who sends her children to Alma Heights Christian Academy, Pacifica, California*

"The assumption of the public school is that man is the product of evolution and most teachers accept this as established. Therefore the basic foundations of morality are based on temporal expediency. The Christian school teaches and exemplifies morality based on unchanging truth. The attitude toward the student sharply contrasts. The public schoolteacher too often looks at the student as a number, the ministry of teaching as a job. Most teachers in the Christian school try to understand the uniqueness of each student. As a consequence of the above, most graduates of Christian schools are better prepared intellectually and morally to face the problems of adult life."—*A public high school English and social studies teacher who sends his youngsters to Westcove Christian High School, Potomac, Illinois*

"The social and academic climate of the public junior high school failed to inspire confidence in my husband and me. The "anything goes" culture, with its loose and conflicting standards and indefinite guidelines would have left our children confused and uncertain regarding life's values and expectations. Our Christian school provides a consistent climate for growth and learning through clearly defined guidelines for values based on the unchanging truths of God's Word. The peace of mind shared with us by our children that their well being in all its forms is the chief concern of our school is worth many times more than the cost of tuition."—*A sixth-grade public schoolteacher whose children attend Southland Christian Schools, Chula Vista, California*

"We send our children to a Christian school to supplement the basic principles they are taught at home in real life situations. We also appreciate the fact that wholesome activities are provided for them, and their closest friends are Christians."—*A public school third-grade teacher who sends her children to Mansfield Christian School, Mansfield, Ohio*

What's Up with Christian Schools

What obstacles are faced in the founding of Christian schools? What are their biggest challenges? What do their long-range goals include? To answer these questions, the Christian Education Department surveyed the administrators of Christian schools operated by churches of the Fellowship. The following reflects the results of that survey.

1. What was the biggest obstacle in the founding of the school? The obstacles that were singled out dealt largely with financial considerations—the purchase of property and equipment, and the employment of qualified personnel. Other obstacles mentioned included the difficulty of sharing the vision for a Christian education (especially on the elementary level) and meeting state and local requirements relative to zoning and qualified personnel.

2. What is the biggest challenge in the development of the school? According to these Christian educators, the biggest challenge is to maintain high academic standards as well as an effective testimony for Christ. There is the challenge of curriculum which must be constantly updated to keep pace with the current educational scene. The difficulty of locating and employing qualified Christian teachers and administrators (many of whom are involved in public education) is another perpetual struggle. There is also the difficulty of expansion due to rising costs of building and operation. Along with these challenges is the continuing battle to convince Christians of the vital need of Christian schools.

3. What are the long-range goals you envision for the school? Long-range goals center around the vision of expansion . . . higher enrollment, more grades (some even considering the college level), and improved facilities (additional classrooms, libraries and gymnasium facilities).

1975 Directory of Christian Schools Operated by Churches of the NFBC

School and Sponsoring Church	Grades	1974-75 Enrollment	Staff FT	PT	Year Begun
Grace Christian School <i>Grace Brethren Church, Phoenix, Arizona</i>	Pre-K-8th	325	16	5	1957
Brethren Elementary & Junior High School <i>Cherry Valley Brethren Church, Beaumont, California</i>	K-8th	195	14	4	1964
Brethren Church Schools Brethren Junior-Senior High School Paramount Brethren Elementary Long Beach Brethren Elementary <i>First Brethren Church of Long Beach, California</i>	Pre-K-12th	1,029	73	27	1947
Los Altos Brethren Pre-School <i>Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, California</i>	Pre-School	125	11	3	1972
Norwalk Brethren Elementary <i>Norwalk Brethren Church, Norwalk, California</i>	K-6th	360	17	8	1954
Grace Christian School <i>Grace Brethren Church, San Bernardino, California</i>	K-6th	125	8	1	1954
Brethren Elementary & Junior High School <i>Community Grace Brethren Church, Whittier, California</i>	K-8th	350	15	12	1953
Grace Brethren Kindergarten <i>Grace Brethren Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida</i>	Pre-K-K	51	4	0	1962
Grace Brethren Kindergarten School <i>Grace Brethren Church, North Lauderdale, Florida</i>	Pre-K-K	30	2	2	1967
Brethren Nursery School <i>First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana</i>	Nursery	6	1	0	1972
Brethren Christian Schools <i>Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Indiana</i>	Pre-K-12th	355	22	2	1955
Warsaw Christian School <i>Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Indiana</i>	Pre-K-6th	159	9	5	1958
Grace Brethren Day School <i>Grace Brethren Church, Alexandria, Virginia</i>	Nursery-K	46	5	3	1962
Grace Brethren Christian Day School <i>Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, Temple Hills, Maryland</i>	Pre-K-8th	350	22	17	1965
Brethren Navajo Mission & Boarding School <i>Brethren Home Missions</i>	Pre-K-8th	98	18	1	1951
Brethren Kindergarten <i>First Brethren Church, Taos, New Mexico</i>	Pre-School	20	1	1	1961
Ashland Christian School <i>Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio</i>	K-5th	70	4	2	1972
Worthington Christian Schools <i>Grace Brethren Church, Worthington, Ohio</i>	Pre-K-10th	165	20	4	1973
Ripon Nursery School <i>Grace Brethren Church, Ripon, California</i>	Nursery- Pre-K	14	1	2	1972

NEWS AND VIEWS

Youth Week To Be Observed

Brethren National Youth Week is to be celebrated in a number of Brethren churches next month. The theme during February 9-16 is "Showing We Care." It is based on Colossians 3:12-17.

The purpose of youth week is to (1) make the entire church aware of the needs of youth, giving the adults the opportunity to encourage teens. (This is to reinforce the fact that teens are part of today's church—not only the church of tomorrow.) (2) It allows the youth to be involved in planning, preparing, and presenting various programs to the church and community.

Youth leaders on the *Pro-Teens'* mailing list received suggested ideas and materials for the annual youth thrust. Activities have been suggested for each evening during the week, including taking an active part in the services on both Sundays. Although churches are encouraged to adapt the week to their own needs, a national scrapbook contest will again be sponsored to encourage the use of the theme.

Bulletins are being sent to each Brethren church for use during this emphasis. Offerings are encouraged during this time for both local church youth needs and the national youth program sponsored by the Christian Education Department.

RECORD ATTENDANCES: Canton, Ohio—210; Cumberland, Md.—127; Myerstown, Pa.—578; Columbus, Ohio—1244; St. Petersburg, Fla.—312; Spokane, Wash.—50; Telford, Pa.—256; Bethlehem, Pa.—61; Columbus, Ohio (Eastside)—126; Long Beach, Calif. (First)—1652.

PSA INSIGHT

A National Fellowship of Brethren Churches Sunday School Report

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

of all reporting Sunday Schools* November 1973—160
 November 1974—171

GROWTH INDEX BASED ON 174 REPORTING CHURCHES

November 1973 weekly average attendance 27,474
 November 1974 weekly average attendance 29,697
 NET GAIN in reporting churches 2,223 persons or up 8.1 percent

SUMMARY

109 churches registered increases totaling 3,252
 60 churches registered losses totaling 1,029

Largest numerical increase Columbus, Ohio, Worthington
 Largest percentage increase Akron, Ohio, Fairlawn

* The larger the number of reporting churches, the more accurately these figures will represent the church growth picture of the NFBC. We urge the total support of the churches of the NFBC in this computer-evaluated church growth analysis which is provided free of charge to churches of the Fellowship by the Christian Education Department.

DIVISION WINNERS — NOVEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST

<u>Div.</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Superintendent</u>
A	— Columbus, Ohio	James Custer	Donald Garlock
B	— Meyersdale, Pa.	Robert Burns	James Miller
C	— Warsaw, Ind.	David Miller	Donald DeYoung
D	— Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	H. Don. Rough	Leroy Spangler
E	— Atlanta, Ga.	Dean Fetterhoff	James Bustraan
F	— Union, Ohio	Ronald Picard	Donald Blakely
G	— Galion, Ohio	Maynard Tittle	James Botdorf
H	— Beaverton Oreg.	James Willett	Victor Hannon
I	— Columbus, Ohio (Eastside)	Richard Sellers	-----
J	— Akron, Ohio (Fairlawn)	James Kennedy	-----
N	— No one qualified		

Seminar In Sunday School Learning, sponsored by the Christian Education Department, has now been presented in eleven different locations representing ten Brethren districts.

The two-day or four-evening seminar program provides approximately ten hours of intensive training in improving communication skills for Sunday School teaching. The four-member instructional team includes Alberta Hanson, Ed Lewis, James Long, and Howard Mayes.

The Christian Education Department is anxious to correspond with churches or district groups that are interested in arranging for a Sunday School learning seminar in 1975.

SEMINAR IN SUNDAY SCHOOL LEARNING CALIFORNIA LOCATIONS FOR MARCH 1975

March 7-8 Weekend Seminar (Bellflower)

March 10-13 Evening Seminar (Whittier)

March 15-16 Weekend Seminar (Modesto)

Churches in California are urged to include these dates in their 1975 planning. Printed programs will be available at a later date.



REFLECTING GOD'S BLESSINGS THROUGH VICTORIOUS LEADERSHIP

Third of a series on the 1974-75 "Birthday Missionaries" —

Grateful for His Grace

The strong love provided by my Christian parents, and the knowledge of God's love for me proven through Christ, gave me security as I grew up in Argentina. My parents, Clarence and Loree Sickel, were missionaries serving with the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society. When I was born they were stationed in a town called Huinca Renanco, located in the southern part of the province of Cordoba. My childhood was fairly uneventful.

When I was nine, we moved to Rosario. It is the second largest city in Argentina—quite different from the quiet town I had formerly lived in. Here my sister and I attended a private school which was supported by the Methodist Church. We received good training. In the morning, the courses offered complied with the curriculum requirements of the Argentine school system. In the afternoon, our courses were in English.

Two more years passed, and my parents were transferred to Rio Cuarto, the headquarters of our Brethren mission. In order to continue receiving the type of education my parents felt we should have, it was necessary for my sister and me to board at the school in Rosario. That meant coming home only once or twice during the school year. On the whole, in spite of bouts with homesickness, I was very happy at the school. And I thoroughly enjoyed my summers at home.

By Mrs. Jack Churchill

When I was 15, my parents returned to the United States for their first furlough in ten years. The adjustment was a little difficult for one who found it hard to face new situations. I finished high school in La Verne, California. Then my father accepted the pastorate of the North Long Beach

Brethren Church. This was a wonderful experience for me as it opened the door to rich friendships that still last.

I attended Westmont College. These years were truly happy ones. The Lord gave me so many friends who helped to mold me and change me. I was grateful for the opportunity to study under teachers who believed the Bible and sought to honor Christ in their lives. And it was at Westmont that Jack and I met. Before he could complete his college training, he was drafted into the U.S. Army during World War II. After I graduated we were married. When Jack finished his time in the service, he graduated from Westmont. Our next home was Winona Lake, Indiana, where Jack graduated from Grace Seminary.

During our time in Winona Lake our first son, Kenneth, was born. Our greatest happiness has come through

Rev. and Mrs. Jack Churchill with Sharon (left) and David.




him and the other children the Lord has given us. Charles was born in Argentina after Jack and I went there as missionaries. Our first daughter, Margaret, also arrived there.

Our second daughter, Marilyn, was loaned to us for a very short time. When she was eight months old the Lord took her back. It was an agoniz-

ing experience but one in which the Lord was near, helping us day by day. Our Sharon was the "added" comfort that the Lord gave us to help in the healing from our grief. She was born here in the States. When she was five months old, we returned to Argentina. In 1962, David was born to add to our family joy. We are so grateful for the

Lord's grace and help in making our children what they are: a joy to us and pleasing to Him. When our Kenneth married he chose a girl who has become as dear as a daughter to us. And their children, Steven and Melissa, are a continual pleasure to the family.

Our time of service in Argentina—and now in Mexico—has proved to us that the Lord is always near, giving us just what we need for each day's tasks. My heart is full of gratitude to Him for His mercy and His kindness to me and mine. A verse the Lord gave to us when we were married says, "For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death" (the Spanish version has it "even beyond death") (Ps. 48:14). 

Schools need students. Students need teachers. Teachers need desks. Desks need *you* to purchase them.

Grace Schools' students, teachers, and desks need WMC offerings. Give yours now!

P.S. Some of the money will be used for air conditioning to keep those teachers, students, and desks cool.

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Discipline Diary

Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yes, he shall give delight to thy soul.

—Proverbs 29:17

"Mommy, would you . . . ?" "No . . . not now . . . I'm too busy . . . it's too late." I've found myself saying this to my children *and God*. When someone "bugs" us, it's often the Lord telling us to pay attention. *He* is always near, never too busy or too tired. Do we teach our children about not having time, or about God? The next time you're asked, "Mommy, would you . . . ?" say, "Yes!" You will need practice, but your work will get done, dinner will get served, and you will have new joy.—*L.R., California*

Contributions to Discipline Diary should be seventy-five words or less and should be sent to the national WMC editor.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS — MARCH 1975

(Addresses may be found on pages 35 and 36 of the 1975 *Brethren Annual*.)

AFRICA

Mr. Albert W. Balzer March 1
Miss Carol Mensinger March 6
Stephanie Suzanne Pfahler March 23, 1972
Miss Gail Jones March 31

ARGENTINA

Norman Alan Hoyt March 7, 1963
Mrs. Hill Maconaghy March 21

BRAZIL

Ronald Andrew Burk March 15, 1972

EUROPE

Mrs. Thomas Julien March 27

HAWAII

Rev. Foster R. Tresise March 20

MEXICO

Miss Ruth Elaine Dowdy March 26, 1959

IN THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. Hattie Sheldon March 21

BORN BLIND

On July 10, 1973, Mark Alan, our second son, came into the world. A fine healthy baby, he joined his big brother, Douglas, in bringing the fulfillment of joy to my husband and me. We thanked the Lord for allowing us a family. The Lord had brought Don and I together in middle life. Filled with love for Him and each other, we prayed the Lord would allow us to share this love with children. Should he give us this privilege, we promised to teach them to love and serve Him.

When Mark was three months old we felt God leading us to move back to California. When settled there, we took Mark for his regular monthly checkup. The doctor noticed an irregularity in eye movement, and suggested we take him to a specialist at once. We had noticed this problem, but had pushed it aside as perhaps a muscular weakness.

The nagging fear we had ignored surfaced and became a reality as the

By Mrs. Don Slagle

specialist announced that Mark had been born blind. Since it appeared to be a birth defect, there was no hope! The shock and grief was overwhelming. The next days were spent just going through the motions of everyday life. We notified our Christian friends and relatives, and requested prayer.

It was this prayer, we know, that sustained us as we sought to yield ourselves to the Lord. We knew He had the power to bring sight to Mark, but we also knew that it might not be His will. The Lord was still all-powerful, and could use this for His glory if we would but accept this from His hand.

We fought daily as Satan rushed in with his temptation to self-pity, bitterness and rebellion. The Lord was ever tender in attending to our needs. In the dead of night when there were no words and tears wet our pillows, He

faithfully brought promises from His Word. Bits and pieces of songs and hymns came to soothe the deep ache in our hearts. We marvelled at the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Often, it seems, tragedy has to strike many of the children of the Lord before they discover the power and ministry of the Holy Spirit within them.

As time went on we tried day by day to prove the doctors wrong, but there was no response from the sightless eyes. Then almost a month after the diagnosis, Mark reached for my necklace one day. My heart stood still. I tried holding a bright toy and he reached again! How our hearts sang!

From that day on he began to give more and more evidence of sight. When we took him to be re-checked, the doctor began routine tests only to have Mark grab the flashing light from his hand. He was amazed and could not believe the change. He had no explanation at all. Of course, this was the opportunity for us to witness to him about the Lord. After taking Mark to the Orange County Children's Hospital where he underwent further testing, the doctor in charge could only comment that this was a very interesting and unusual case. There was no doubt now . . . he could see!

Mark is now a 16-month-old toddler, full of energy, mischief and fun. He can pick threads from the carpet, reach for dust particles in a sunbeam and wrestle with big brother! We realize that sight or no sight, God is in full control of all things in our lives. Faith is an everyday thing—not just for certain occasions.

Why did God reach down and choose our Mark for His object of love and mercy? This is a question we have often pondered. Perhaps we will never know in this life, but we feel we must witness and use our every effort to win souls for Christ. Many are the gifts of God, but spiritual healing from sin is by far the most marvelous gift in the person of Jesus Christ who loved us and died for our sin.

"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jer. 33:3).

Shirley Smith Slagle graduated from Grace College in 1959 and is presently teaching in a Christian school. She and her family attend the Grace Brethren Church of Colorado Springs, Colorado.



Throughout the new year . . .

THANKS

By Mrs. Robert Griffith
National WMC President

November is traditionally the month for thanksgiving in our country. I believe, however, that we as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ should make every day of our lives a thanksgiving day. We have so very much for which to be thankful and so many blessings day by day.

Time—We each have the same amount. It is precious. We should give consideration to its proper use.

Homes—We too often take our comfortable lovely homes for granted. How grateful we should be for our Christian homes!


Air—We have it to breathe. Watch someone struggling under an oxygen tent in a hospital; then you will know how thankful you should be for the ability to breathe fresh air.

Neighbors—We often fail to show our gratitude to our neighbors and our friends when they go to the trouble of trying to cheer us or smile with us or even cry with us.

Kin—We should thank the Lord every day for our wonderful families.

Sharing—We can show our gratitude for the greatest of all blessings, our Lord, by sharing His blessings with others.

The above spells out "Thanks" and just a few of the things for which we should give thanks were included. We are thankful, too, for you ladies because if we did not have you we could not have a WMC. Thank you, too, for giving your money so we can go over the top in our goals this year in WMC. We are counting on you!

But November is past, the celebration of Christmas is over, and it is time to begin a new year. In II Corinthians 9:15 it says, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." We should be **THOUGHTFUL** about Christ's birth—then be **THANKFUL** throughout the year! Christ is God's love-gift, and upon receiving Him as our personal Saviour we have eternal life. As we begin a new year we trust that you have accepted God's gift of salvation. If not, do so today, and this year will become the most meaningful and happy year of your life! During this new year—"May you have enough happiness to keep you sweet; Enough trials to keep you strong; Enough sorrow to keep you human; Enough hope to make your heart sing; Enough labor to keep you from rust; Enough leisure to make you broad; Enough Christianity to make you value the best; and Enough of the love of Christ in your soul to make you glad to serve." 

MAN to MAN

"faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" II Timothy 2:2

THE MEN'S VOICE OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

First Junior Brethren Adventurer Units Are Underway



Greetings in our Lord's name!

My name is Jack Cline, director of boys ministries of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. We praise the Lord for His leading in the development of this ministry of men to boys.

We are seeing the men of our churches stand in the gap as in Ezekiel 22:30.

There are now six churches with units of the new Junior Brethren Adventurers program. In the following months we will be featuring these units in the *Herald* to show what can be done through this ministry.



Jack Cline



NATIONAL BOYS MINISTRY KICKOFF

CALIFORNIA MEN!

Be sure to attend —

Feb. 7-8

Community Brethren Church
Whittier, California

Featuring Jack Cline and Ed
Jackson

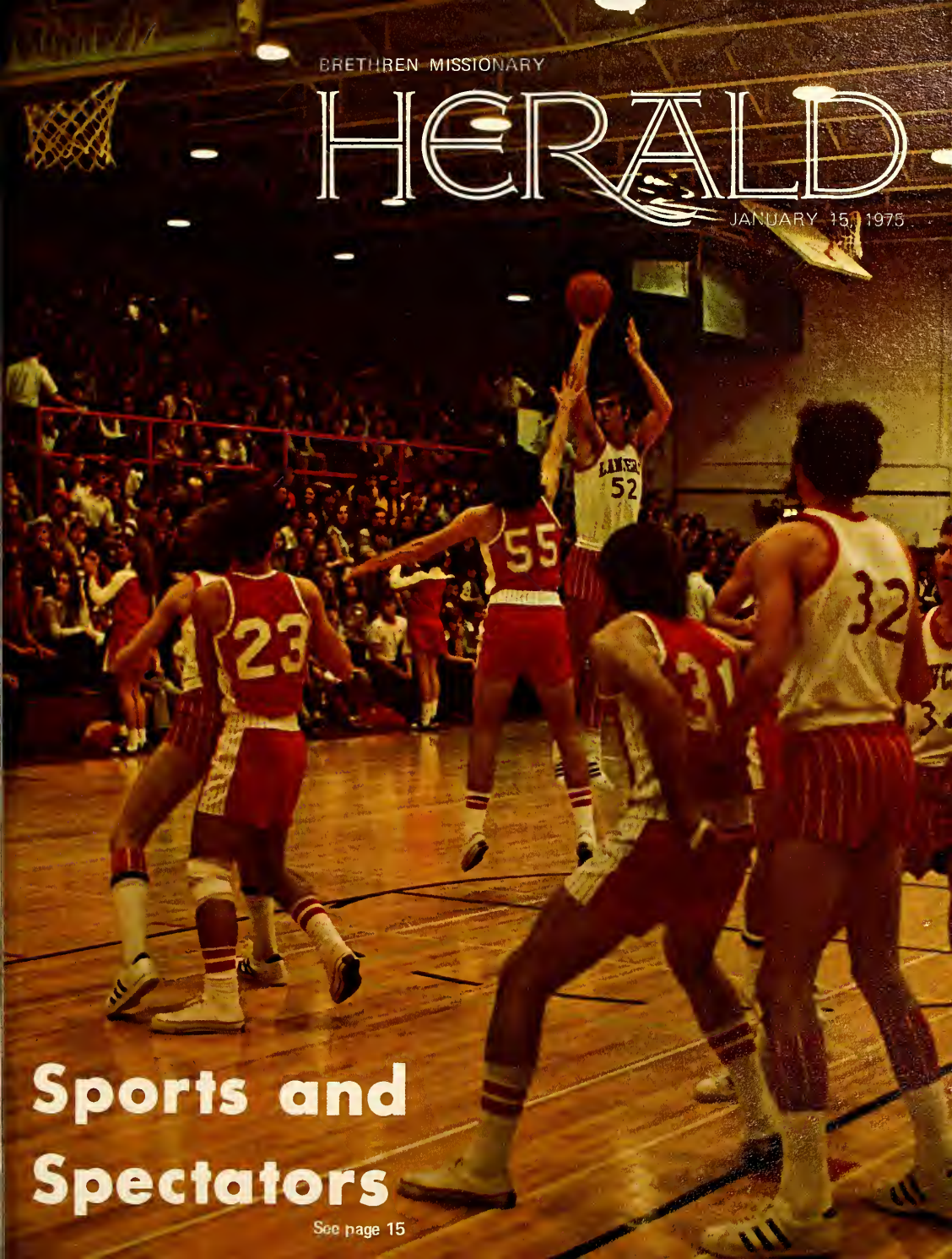
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to Lyle Marvin, 6217 Sea Breeze Dr.,
Long Beach, Calif. 90803.

A campout was held in the Pennsylvania mountains by Adventurer units from Hagerstown, Md., and Waynesboro, Pa. Here some of the boys cook lunch.

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Cover Photo: Grace College's Ed Miller scores against Concordia College in the opening game this season. Miller, a 6'6" senior, is regarded by many as one of the top players in the Mid-Central Conference. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Miller, serving with Brethren Foreign Missions in Macapa, Brazil. (Photo by Terry White)



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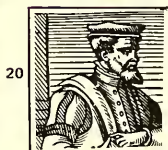
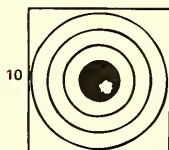
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Dear Editor

Address your letter to the editor, Rev. Charles W. Turner, Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. All letters must be signed, although names will not be used in the magazine.

We have already announced that no further letters would be published on the subject of dress for worship. However, since the following letter made a long, slow journey from Africa, we will make an exception.—CWT

Dear Editor,

I read with a great deal of satisfaction the article on women's dress in the house of the Lord and in spite of the adverse criticism I think the author was right. After all, the Scriptures do

have quite a lot to say about the way people dress and my Bible says we are NOT to let ourselves be poured into this world's fashion. Certainly there is no excuse for Christians leading the style parade. We would at least do well to wait till it becomes the norm for all.

Perhaps the commentators have never attended a formal reception for a head of state. A protocol officer stands at the door and those not fully dressed for the occasion are detained.

Of course, we don't suggest a protocol officer in the church. But, our God is King of kings and Lord of lords. Certainly it is in order to approach Him in jeans or however, as the occasion requires. But it is also in order to remember His glory and majesty. And when we gather to worship and adore our Mighty Potentate (scripturally correct) we do well to dress accordingly.

Now perhaps someone will bolster up her courage and address the subject of the miniskirt. I am really amazed at the readiness with which spiritual, Christian women and girls have conformed to the world's mold in this respect. The Scripture says women's dress should be modest and the modern skirt is *not* modest. Isn't it very clear that it is a definite part of the so-called new morality? Are we to admit to no line of demarcation between the appearance and dress of the Christian and the godless modern world?—Africa

"Happy Birthday!" "No, Not Again!"

By Charles W. Turner
Editor

What the problem is I do not know, but I do not like birthdays as much as I did when I was a child. Maybe it is the intense heat from what appears to be acres of candles burning at one time. Maybe it is all of those silly little Happy Birthday cards. But the probable reason is that birthdays are unfriendly reminders of the rapid passing of years.

It has not always been this way. I must admit. Next to Christmas the most important time of the year was my birthday. As a child I looked forward to each celebration with great excitement. Besides angel food cake, which was and still is my favorite, there were other pleasant surprises. Presents, of course, were high on the list of the most important things. In fact they were number one, two and three on the list. It all added up to a time of anticipated joy. It was Birthday Time!

But, as I say, this thrill began to diminish some years back, and now it is—well, almost forgotten. Though I must admit that last year the new, ten-speed bicycle from June and Jeff did help me forget the immediate problems of the day. The only difficulty was—it almost broke me up financially to pay for such a pleasant surprise. This year I rather look forward to forgetting it all because I can't afford to have so much fun. Things are a little tougher everywhere, you know.

A birthday can simply be defined as the remembrance of the beginning. When I think of it in this light, it isn't too bad, because the years have been very good to me. By that I mean the God of the years has been very gracious. He has given me many benefits and I certainly did not deserve them, but that is what grace is all about.

As I look back in time, I thank God

anew for fine parents with both principle and purpose in life. They loved the Lord and helped me to learn to walk in God's way. They taught me how to put into practice the way life should be lived. They supplied me with the temporal necessities and instructed me with the primal fact that I really did not need everything I thought I did.

God's grace also brought me my greatest blessing besides life itself, and that was life more abundant. This life comes from God and we call it life eternal. It is more than just taking a breath and walking around. It is life that the Father provides for His children to enjoy as they seek to serve Him. It is life with purpose and direction. And the final destination is heaven. I am thankful for the present days and for the future I know to be with Him.

So this is the month for me to face the candles again. It is Happy Birthday time once more, and although I like to complain about it and seek to relive my 39th birthday again and again; yet, underneath it all, I do rather enjoy it. And if my wife were to forget to place a card under my breakfast plate this year, I would be disappointed. If one of my favorite meals didn't appear on this day, I would probably be a little hurt. And if I did not admit that there is still some boyish excitement about it all, I guess I would be a little less than honest.

So, come on candles and angel food cake and all those cute little cards—I am ready! Please, June and Jeff, don't make the present too expensive, and remember to keep the credit card charges down in my honor.

And sometime during the day, I expect to quietly slip away and thank God for having given me another year to serve Him. And then as I look toward future years, if the Lord should tarry, I want to place in His hands a bit more of my life.

The dedication service of the new Grace Brethren Church, Coolville, Ohio, was different in a number of ways. The dedication service was preceded by a meal. Usually refreshments follow such a service. Everyone was invited to a fellowship meal served in the new Sunday School wing by the local WMC ladies.

The usual day for such a dedication service is Sunday, but the Coolville church chose to have it on a Saturday. This day was the choice since more people who are involved in other local churches might have the opportunity to attend the event.

The actual dedication service got underway at 1:30 (earlier than the usual dedication service) on Saturday, November 30, 1974. Dr. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, was chosen for the special speaker and challenged the congregation to the

need of a dedication of life.

Rev. Ralph C. Hall represented the Brethren Architectural Service, and other churches had representatives, some of which participated in the actual dedication service. Several special musical numbers were included in the program and the organ added much to this part of the service.

The Wurlitzer organ was a special blessing from the Lord. Mr. Dwight A. Flickinger, Elburn, Illinois, no longer had use for the organ in his home and made it available to a home mission church. The Coolville congregation became the recipient of this fine musical instrument. The Brethren Home Missions Council and the church are grateful for this instrument that will greatly enhance the services of the church. Mrs. Richard Tracewell, Parkersburg, West Virginia, was the organist for the dedication service and Mr. Scott Hobson also of Parkersburg was the

pianist.

Pastor Donald Marken gave a brief history of the Coolville work, introduced the special guests, and led in the act of dedication.

The building was erected by Frontier Construction Company of Marietta, Ohio, at a cost of \$75,000. It is a very modest building located in a small town, but it is surrounded by a large number of people. The church developed out of a Sunday School work in

Pastor Donald Marken



Coolville Dedication Different



which Pastor Marken was the representative. Prior to erection of the new facilities, the church met in an old Grange Hall which has since been removed from the property.

The Coolville church is being assisted by the Allegheny District Mission Board and The Brethren Home Missions Council. Financing for the new unit is through the Brethren Investment Foundation. Assistance from The Brethren Home Missions Council and financing by the BIF is made possible through gifts and investments of Brethren people.

The Coolville church is different in another way. New church opportunities are usually selected from the more densely populated areas of the country. However, with the "ready made" opportunity to start a church, and with a fine potential of the surrounding community, the council approved Coolville for a mission point.

The Brethren Home Missions Council is interested in reaching people for Christ. The area chosen is determined

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first of all by the leading of the Lord and not by reason of metropolitan, suburban, or urban population centers. Many of the fastest-growing congregations of today are not in the metropolitan centers.

The dedication service was different, the starting circumstances were different, and the location chosen may be different. But the Coolville Grace Brethren Church will preach the same Gospel and have the same purpose for its establishment and existence. It will take your same prayer support to see the Lord's blessing upon this new work and we are counting on the Brethren for it. You have helped make possible the facilities of this new church and the Coolville brethren and The Brethren Home Missions Council are grateful for your gifts and investments that made possible this dedication day event.—FJP



The organ at Coolville, a gift to the church, will help create a worshipful atmosphere for the services.



Bridging the Gaps in Santa Maria, California

There's a great distance gap between Grace Brethren churches in northern and southern California. The Grace Brethren Church of Santa Maria is helping to bridge that gap between San Jose, 250 miles north, and the Brethren church nucleus, 175 miles south. From humble beginnings in this central California town of 55,000, there have been great "bridging-the-gap" victories. Rev. Dale Hostettler from Santa Barbara began the work with home Bible classes. He was followed by Rev. Alva Conner as the first pastor.

With nearby Vandenberg Air Force Base, the "missile capital of the Western world," the Lord has provided op-

By Pastor Alva L. Conner

portunity to bridge gaps between military and civilian populations in our community. Conversions to Christ and in-depth Christian growth in the last half year have included choice men, women, and families from the military that often are located here for years.

Over 25 adults have come into our church membership since the end of May, 1974, and several others are in process. We have now gratefully "bridged the gap" between being a home missions church and a self-supporting fellowship as of January 1, 1975. Missionary funds from the Brethren across the nation can now be

channeled into other home-missions points.

What causes a foreign missionary who had ministered in Santa Maria to request a return trip here just to see what the Lord is doing? What motivates musical groups from Grace Schools to report the unique experiences they have had in our fellowship?

Let some of our people tell why in their written responses: "It is the first church I've ever been to that really tells it like it is. . . ." "Pastor preaches the Bible so it can be easily understood and applied to our lives." "This fellowship meets my need for fairness of treatment to all members; someone

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Pastor Alva Conner looks to possible future quarters (left). The present meeting place (below).



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who will listen and advise; ones who practice leading and guiding in love; ones to speak kindly to me about my sins."

Another shares: "Even though I was raised in a Christian home and a Bible-believing and teaching church and majored in Bible at a Christian college, it was not until I came to Santa Maria Grace Brethren that I realized God had specific and practical answers to the everyday struggles I go through. I now realize there is no way to achieve a balanced, successful Christian life without facing, in the power of God, all the "garbage" we have in our lives and taking specific, detailed steps to rid our lives of this contamination; without this we can never know real freedom! This church has also meant fellowship to me which I had never seen. It means an opportunity for me to minister and the willingness of others to minister to me. Most of all, God has used it to show me answers without which there is really no point in living at all."

Another says: "Because of this



The original Santa Maria group

teaching, the brethren have learned to love and care for each other based on the principles of God's Word. It is a real blessing to watch our precious Lord work in this fellowship and to be a part of it . . ."

One shared in saying: "This is the first church in which I learned so much and have come to know the Lord so closely that I have to take notes . . . The people in this fellowship are concerned for me and they practice their Christian love to the fullest extent. At Grace Brethren they study the Bible and interpret how I

can use these principles to change my life. . . . I only wish the services could be a *little* bit longer—say 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.!"

One of our newest said: "This is the first church I ever attended that doesn't build its services around the clock . . ."

This sample of responses perhaps shows why full commitment to the Lord is not just a teaching from the Word, but it grows to be a reality in life in Santa Maria. In bridging the gap between attending services and applying the Word to life, our four regular

"Word services" offer concentrated Bible study on four different books of the Bible. "Body Life" sharing in "Word 3" (Sunday night) and "Word 4" (Wednesday night) gives opportunity for ministering to one another in direct answers from the Lord during the previous week.

Wednesday night attendances in the forties are not unusual. With evening services running over 90 minutes, our people still aren't ready to go home. To have over 20 people still around at 10 p.m. is not rare. Some sharing and discussion until 1 a.m. is still common. Santa Maria Brethren anticipated our threefold communion service and 45 attended November's service.

In bridging the gap between a self-centered life and an outreach of caring, we emphasize ministering to each other through our spiritual gift. Believers here have the opportunity to serve through volunteer ministries from 13 categories that detail over 110 different functions of ministry. For the pastor and his family it has been most rewarding to see tangible results from instruction in the Word. God's people have begun to minister to their pastor and family in fantastic ways—aiding with their home needs in loving, sacrificial, and practical ways.

How do we bridge the gap between the unreached and the evangelized? A continuing training program for personal evangelism through GROW 73-74 has given us capable personal evangelists. Great victories have come very recently. One-fourth of our people are of Roman Catholic background; a young couple who had studied with the Mormons are now grateful, baptized believers; a young mother from Jehovah's Witnesses has confessed Christ as God and Saviour

and is a part of our fellowship; a young couple, enjoying our church but strongly opposed to our Biblical distinctives of threefold communion, trine immersion baptism and even church membership, have found tremendous victories from the Word and are now baptized members and avid supporters of these Biblical practices. They actively share them with others.

The Lord has sent five of our young adult members to Grace Schools. Two other members graduated recently and are back in our church.

In bridging the gap between local giving and missions giving, we set some total goals at the beginning of 1974 and our missions giving quadrupled in the year!

The "generation gap" has been bridged in Santa Maria. Children, teens, and young adults often fellowship with our "golden agers" and seek

their spiritual encouragement and help.

We are bridging the gap between static and dynamic in our reading and intellectual pursuits through our book and cassette tape libraries. Our all-donation library contains over 1,000 books.

Permanent location plans are presently at a "hold status." We are negotiating for an already-constructed facility several blocks from us, and three blocks from 70 million dollars worth of new construction now in progress. This facility would provide for 350-400 persons. Presently we are using our large, two-story home that provides 12 Sunday School class areas and worship space for up to 100.

Rejoice with us as our Lord has wonderfully, provided for the Grace Brethren on California's central coast in "bridging the gaps!"

Pastor and Mrs. Alva Conner



THE NEW YEAR AND SIN

By Isobel Fraser
Messianic Testimony

The New Year! 1975? No, the year 5735. A future date? Not at all. We are now living in the year 5735—according to the Jewish religious calendar. As many heralded 1975 with the tooting of horns, Jews welcomed 5735 with the blowing of the shofar (ram's horn).

This new year, which began the evening of last September 16, also ushered in the Jewish high holy days, the most solemn of Jewish religious observances, also known as the ten days of awe. The climax of the observance is Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement.

My interest was captured by this title in the *Beverly Hills Post*, "Old-New Question: What Is Sin?" The article contained thoughts on Yom Kippur and sin by the rabbi of one of the prominent temples in Beverly Hills. In the article the rabbi said there was a need to reexamine the definition of "sin" in seeking to atone for sins.

He disavowed the popular classification of sin as "mental disorders, crimes, or collective social aberrations." His definition was taken from the Hebrew word for sin, "chet." This word, which is an archery term, means "to miss the mark." "Rabbi," I thought, "this sounds good." Then came this statement: "In contrast to the concepts of original sin or vicarious atonement, 'chet' clearly implies that we can analyze and rectify our personal feelings and get 'back on target'!"

This is how the rabbi illustrated his point: a worshiper who asked his rabbi how he could know he had God's forgiveness was told that he would know he had His forgiveness when he faced the identical situation but overcame the temptation this time.

I was heartsick to think that it would be teaching much like this that most Jews would be receiving with which to face the new year. So, I decided to use this article as the basis for a discussion of sin and its definition according to Old Testament teaching with as many Jews as I could. This I

did with our Thursday evening Bible class and our blind group during the high holy days.

It is true that one of the Hebrew words used in the Old Testament for sin is "chet" meaning "to miss the mark." But is this word used in contrast to the concepts of original sin or vicarious atonement? "To the law and

to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isa. 8:20).

In Psalm 51:5 David said, "Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin ('chet') did my mother conceive me." David was certainly not saying that he was an illegitimate child. Though David is remembered for his illegiti-

mate son by Bathsheba, there has never been any stigma upon his own birth. David, as all the descendants of Adam, was born with a nature that would cause him "to miss the mark," the consequence of the original sin.


The sixteenth chapter of Leviticus specifically spells out the events of the day of atonement. The crux is vicari-

ous atonement—substitutionary death. The thirtieth verse states: "For on that day shall the priest make an atonement (by means of an animal sacrifice) for you, to cleanse you that ye may be clean from all your sins" ("chattahim"—from the same root word as "chet"). Isaiah 53 is another presentation of vicarious atonement and it concludes in the twelfth verse with these words: "...because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin (*chet*) of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

Are we able, after we analyze our personal failures in our own strength, to get 'back on target'? Jeremiah 13:23 asks: "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil?" In fact, Ezekiel 18:4 declares: "...the soul that sinneth (verb form of *chet*), it shall die."

Though we cannot *rectify* ourselves, God can and will if we will permit Him. "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them" (Ezek. 36:26-27).

Those in the classes admitted that what the rabbi said and what God's Word taught were not in agreement. A day of atonement but no atonement. Also they acknowledged that not man's word—be he rabbi, priest, pope, minister, teacher (Isobel, too)—should not be obeyed if it did not agree with the Word of God. Still, a number need to obey that Word.

1975! 5735! It matters not the number given to the year. Only may it be the year during which many precious Jews will find atonement vicariously for sin ('chet') in the Lord Jesus, their Messiah and God. 



We're Looking for Isolated Brethren

We need names and addresses of our Brethren people living in states and cities without a Brethren church. Our district mission boards are also looking for new church opportunities. Listed below are some target areas:

CANADA

Vancouver, British Columbia
Toronto, Ontario

NEW STATES

Idaho
South Dakota
Montana
North Carolina

NEW CITIES

Cincinnati, Ohio
San Francisco, California
Riverside, California

NEW WORKS

Hope, New Jersey
Ormond Beach, Florida
Brooksville, Florida
Logansport, Indiana
Armagh, Pennsylvania
Aiken, South Carolina



Happy New Year from the BIF!
and may I suggest . . .

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It's time **SAVING** to save by mail
Provide interest **SAVING** loans to home-missions churches
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Write for **SAVINGS** information to the Brethren Investment Foundation,
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NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

Correction. Due to an error, the line "By Dr. S. Wayne Beaver" failed to appear with his tribute to Dr. Orville Jobson on page six of the Dec. 14, 1974, issue of the *Herald*. Our apologies to Dr. Beaver for the oversight.

Korea. Mr. Ilchoo Park, father of Missionary Kwang Ja Park, died on Nov. 15 in Korea. The Park family had gathered around his bed and, at his request, sang "Higher Ground." As he voiced the final word, he passed away. Mr. Park was known in his community as "Mr. Heavenly Sunshine," because he sang the song as he walked in the village.

Pastor Merlin Berkey held a memorial service for Mr. Park at the Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Grace Brethren Church on Wednesday, Dec. 11, preaching from Mr. Park's favorite text, II Cor. 14-15. Miss Kwang Ja Park is ministering at the Fort Lauderdale church for a six-week period.

Orlando, Fla. With the theme "The Pilgrims' First Year in the Americas—1621," the families of the church dressed as Pilgrims and Indians for their Thanksgiving worship service. There were 51 present for the service, designed to add meaning to the season. Pastor John Diaz challenged the people to give thanks for "God's Gift—His Son, Christ Jesus." A turkey dinner followed the service.

The Orlando church is a new home-mission work located near Disney World. Brethren traveling in the area are encouraged to attend.

Pastor John Diaz (left) with an Indian and a pilgrim.



Washington, D.C. (EP)—Fears that Congress will cut off income tax deductions for gifts to churches, missions, and Bible colleges persist, even though the rumors are groundless. "There is a strange phenomenon that is a little difficult to understand," W. Barry Garrett, information services director for the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, told EP News Service.

"Just who is behind this sustained effort to scare the churches, in spite of all the efforts of Congressmen, our office, and others to convey the facts in this situation, has been impossible to trace. Why this 'scare' continues is beyond me."

No, Congress is not about to remove the tax deductibility of contributions to churches, schools and other public charities, the Baptist Committee reported.

And no, Congress is not about to discontinue the provision for the tax-free housing allowance for ministers.

In the words of a highly placed member of the staff of the House Committee on Ways and Means, such proposals in this Congress "are dead, cold and buried."

Ashland, Ohio. A healthy baby was born to Pastor and Mrs. John Teevan Nov. 23. John Orin weighed eight pounds, three ounces, and measured 20½ inches. Pastor Teevan is associate pastor of the Grace Brethren Church.

Battle Creek, Mich. (EP)—Some 400 members of the Pennfield Church of the Nazarene here, threw their television sets into the fire to protest "sinful" programming.

The protest was spurred by comments from Evangelist Paul Wilde who addressed the congregation a week earlier on the evils of TV.

One anti-TV father fired his shotgun into the screen before throwing it into the flames.

Brazil, South America. Three teachers are needed for one year to teach in the Amazon Valley Academy High School. Each would begin teaching the first week of August.

Missionary Duke Wallace writes that the teachers are needed on the high-school level in English, math, and science. During the year these persons would have opportunities to travel, see Brazil, and help in the Brethren work there. If interested in this TIME program, write to Ed Lewis, Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

New York (EP)—"The Life of Jesus"—a six-part series based on the life of Christ filmed on actual locations and under the direction of Franco Zeffirelli—will be colorcast on the NBC television network early in 1976.

Sponsor of the series is the General Motors Corporation, according to NBC President Robert T. Howard.

The series will be presented without commercial interruption.

Pompano Beach, Fla. (EP)—Some 720 residents and 170 geriatric patients at Baptist Village here are among about 4,000 elderly persons in religious-oriented retirement centers in Florida who may lose the roofs over their heads. Of the nearly 60 religiously oriented facilities in Florida, at least three, according to a report by *Miami Herald* religious editor Adon Taft, are in various stages of bankruptcy proceedings, with several others appealing for special funds to keep them operating and solvent. Many elderly retirees have invested their life savings in such homes. Baptist Village, the *Herald* noted, is in the most serious financial straits of the Florida religiously related-centers. The complex, which went into receivership last year, is the creation of Mack Douglas, the former interim pastor of the First Baptist Church of Margate, a Southern Baptist congregation.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Hemet, Calif. Jan. 19-24; James D. Ament, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

Atlanta, Ga. Jan. 26-31; Dean Fetterhoff, pastor; Nathan Meyer, speaker.

Maitland, Fla. Feb. 2-5; R. Paul Miller, pastor; Nathan Meyer, speaker.

Whittier, Calif. (First). Feb. 2-7; Jesse B. Deloe, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

Monongahela, Pa. (EP)—According to Evangelist Harry Trover the probability of receiving Christ beyond the age of 21 is very slim.

In evangelistic services here, the Grand Rapids, Mich., preacher said he has polled hundreds of audiences over the past 17 years of his ministry in all parts of the nation. A poll taken at First Baptist Church here showed on a scale of one to 100, approximately 95 percent of first-time decisions for Christ are made before the age of 21. From ages 21 to 35 only about 3 percent make decisions. From ages 35 to 50, 1 percent decide to follow Christ and only one in a hundred come to Christ after passing the half-century mark.

London (EP)—Britain's great Bible production industry is threatened by a shortage of the special paper it uses, according to a statement by the British and Foreign Bible Society (BFBS).

"For years the production department of the BFBS has bought its paper from three British mills—the only three in the country making Bible paper," the statement said. "Now two of them have amalgamated and the source of supply has been cut by 20 percent, which is a lot."

Washington, D.C. (EP)—Roman Catholics will form the largest religious group in the 94th Congress. The total was pushed to 123—an all-time high in the November elections. Methodists continue to be most numerous in the Senate with 17 members and have an aggregate of 85 in both houses. Jews scored the largest percentage increase this year. They will number 24 in 1975, 10 more than in the 93rd Congress. *Christianity Today* magazine prepared the 1974 tabulation of religious affiliations in Congress.

Changes. Due to an error, the following information was omitted from the 1975 *Brethren Annual*. On page 37, under The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., Officers and Staff—Southern Field Representative—Rev. William A. Byers, 3039 Hidden Forest Ct., Marietta, Ga. 30060. On page 40, under Brethren Investment Foundation, Inc., Officers—Rev. William A. Byers—Southern Field Representative.

In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

FAAS, Paul W., 17, Nov. 30. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Gilbert Gilgan, pastor.

HOAGLAND, Nettie, 55, Dec. 10. She was a member of the Sidney Grace Brethren Church. A. Rollin Sandy, pastor.

Mac DONALD, Donald, 85, Oct. 13. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Pompano Beach, Fla., and a former employee of Christian Business Men's Committee, International. Gene E. Witzky, pastor.

PRYOR, Harry, Sr., 61, Nov. 21. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md. Robert B. Collitt, pastor.

SCOFIELD, Edward, 52, Dec. 21. He was pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Bowling Green, Ohio. His son-in-law, Rev. Paul Woodruff, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Indianapolis, Ind., officiated at the service. Further details will appear in a future issue of the *Herald*.

WINELAND, Florence, 86, Nov. 25. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa. William H. Snell, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six-months's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to new subscribers whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Janette Kennedy and Whlie Miller, Sept. 21, Norwalk Brethren Church, Norwalk, Calif.

Barbara Schoenberger and Robert Witmyer, Sept. 22, Grace Brethren Church, Lancaster, Pa.

Beatrice Barber and William Orrell, Oct. 12, Norwalk Brethren Church, Norwalk, Calif.

Evelyn Vogt and Harry Mills, Oct. 25, First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sally Reed and James O'Brosky, Nov. 23, Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

San Dee Garrett and James Martin, Nov. 30, Grace Brethren Church, Virginia Beach, Va.

Patricia Lawrence and Steven Kopp, Dec. 6, Grace Brethren Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Dianne Croy and Douglas Blattner, Dec. 7, Grace Brethren Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Kathy Huntsman and Kenneth Bowers, First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.

Lorna Eshelman and Gerald Replogle, First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.

Sports and Spectators . . . a New Song

"I waited patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the mire clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings." (Psalms 40:1-2)

I thank God for Christian parents who lived the life of Christ before me so that at age ten I wanted that same life and was saved by faith in Jesus Christ. What "horrible pit" did God save me from? I cannot say that God saved me out of a filthy life of drugs, sex, or alcohol. I was no ten-year-old, drug-pushing wino who roamed the streets of Bremen, Indiana, after dark. But just because I don't have a "glamorous" testimony does not mean I don't appreciate my salvation; rather, I appreciate it *more*.

Sometimes we Christians get things turned around. We sit and hear someone tell how God saved him out of drugs or some "terrible" sin, and we say to ourselves, "Wow, I wish I had a testimony like that!" Our response ought rather to be to thank God all the more for saving us and keeping us from getting involved in such a mess.

On the other hand, I have been saved out of a "horrible pit." In fact, all of us who are children of God have been saved out of the "horrible pit" of reaping the results of our deceitful and desperately wicked hearts. Paul wrote in Romans 3:10-18 of the horrible pit from which we have been saved. All of us who know Christ as Saviour have much for which to be thankful.

I want to share a little about my involvement in tennis at Grace College. Last year we had a great undefeated season. This year we were undefeated again.

After tennis season last year I began asking myself some searching questions: Why should I play tennis? What is its real value? Will it count ten years from now? Will it count for eternity? I began asking God for answers to these questions. I knew that I Corinthians 10:31 said, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all

By Jon Hueni
Grace College Sophomore

to the glory of God." It has always been my standing policy regardless of the activity that: *if I can't glorify Christ in it, then it isn't worth doing anyway*. That would be wasting God's time.

In my heart I had always said that I was playing tennis to glorify God. But was this just a selfish excuse so that I could play? How could God get any glory out of my hitting a little ball around on some concrete? So I told God that unless He would teach and show me how to bring glory to Him through tennis, I would quit. I believe this is an attitude God is looking for in each of us. Well, God began to open my eyes and He showed me how He wanted me to bring glory to himself through tennis. These facts and principles apply to all sports at Grace, and involve everyone.

Although I have only been at Grace for a year and a half, I have noticed that the only information I have to form an opinion about another school is that which I receive through athletics. The only exception is if I know someone who attends there or who knows something about the school and they inform me.

The opposite must also be true: The only information many other people from other schools have to form an opinion about Grace College, they receive through athletic events. This is really the only concentrated contact we have with other schools. When I realized this I no longer viewed tennis as just another game. Instead, my whole attitude changed and I began to see myself as a 'gap man' (as Dwight L. Moody termed it), to stand in the gap for Grace and for God

through sports.

Some might not especially care what others think about Grace College. But it would be foolish not to realize that Grace has been tagged as a "religious" or "Christian" school. Many people who don't even know where Grace College is do know that it is a "Christian" school. So, like it or not, many people judge not only Grace College, but Christianity and Jesus Christ by what they see in us. When I understood this, some of my actions on the court were changed.

This responsibility does not rest on the athletes alone, but also on spectators and fans. I thank God for those who came to watch the tennis matches. There weren't a lot of fans, but I would rather have just one show

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Sophomore Jon Hueni from Bremen, Indiana, has been selected to the All-Conference Team and voted the Most Valuable Player award for two years as the number one racketman at Grace College. He had a 4.0 grade-point average during the second semester of his freshman year.

“FOR WE ARE SAVED

The election is over in the United States and we stand on the threshold of a new year. Most of the world is dreading what lies ahead. Every portent points forward to severe recession or perhaps even desperate depression. War clouds are gathering in the skies of the Middle East in spite of every effort to compose the differences between Arabs and Israel, and the super powers are lining up on opposite sides. Famine and starvation are being experienced by half the population of the world, in China, India, and Africa. Immorality and crime are growing at such a stupendous rate that it staggers the imagination. Education and science, which once reigned almost supreme in the thinking of men as the source for the solution of the ills of mankind, are now suffering an eclipse. Even religion has lost its place of respect among men and there is a turning to the worship of Satan, evil spirits and the occult. In short, mankind in general has lost hope.

At this point the Christian faith has something to offer the believer in Christ and to anyone who will place his faith in Christ. At the outset of the Christian era and in the darkest hour of the period when that monster of iniquity reigned supreme in the Roman Empire, Nero Caesar, the Apostle Paul wrote these words for the Christians at Rome, and through them to Christians everywhere:

“For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it” (Rom. 8:24-25 KJV).

“For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one also hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it” (Rom. 8:24-25 New American Standard Bible).

“For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently” (Rom. 8:24-25 New International Version).

The above translations with their variations present three well defined ideas about the subject of hope:

First, Present Possession and Experience Do Not Constitute the Area of Hope

“Hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?” (v. 24). In these words the apostle is clearly saying that the goods a man may possess, the condition of health he may experience, the position in society he occupies do not arouse within him the element of hope. Depending upon the degree of these various things, they may stimulate happiness, but most certainly not hope.

However, in the general experience of all men, and certainly Christians, sufferings characterize the present. But the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed (Rom. 8:18). Creation as a whole was subjected to a round of experience as a result of the curse that accomplishes nothing (Rom. 8:20). The cycles of life in nature and human life, the struggles of men to produce something worthwhile and lasting always fail. The resulting effect in men is to produce a sense of futility and uselessness. To see a lifetime of effort suddenly shattered and thrown into confusion instills an overpowering feeling of despair.

But even if men of the world place an evaluation upon the things of the present order as good and worthwhile, there is nothing about this possession and experience that inspires hope, because it is something that is already within their grasp. Men of the world may love these things, cherish them, find in them the very center of their satisfaction, but toward them they do not in any sense display an attitude of hope.

Second, Future Reality and Expectation Comprise the Domain for the Exercise of Hope

“But if we hope for that we see not” (v. 25). It is obvious that the apostle is making the point that hope does not have to do with the present, but is exclusively occupied with the future. Hope is concerned with something that lies beyond the area of present experience. The object which inspires hope, that upon which men place their hope, is not

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a part of sense experiences.

It is important to point out here that hope does not imply doubt, so far as the scriptural use of the word is concerned. If that were true, the apostle would never have declared that "we are saved by hope." Surely he did not mean that we are saved by doubt. In the Biblical sense, the word hope points forward to a future reality that has not yet come within the area of personal experience. But it is nevertheless something that is very real and it is very sure. At that time appointed of God it will enter the experience of the genuine Christian.

Creation was subjected to vanity, not willingly, but within the good purpose of God. The divine plan provides for the lifting of the curse when the sons of God are manifested (vv. 19-20). Then creation itself will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God (v. 21). Until then all creation will groan and travail in pain along with the children of God who already have the firstfruits of the Spirit (vv. 22-23).

But permeating the hearts of the saved there will be that prevailing outreach of the human spirit for the coming of Christ which means entrance upon and experience of the blessedness of the future. That is hope.

Third, Personal Expectation Produces the Moral Virtues of Personal Perseverance and Enthusiasm in This Present Time

"Then do we with patience wait for it" (v. 25). Herein is stated the practical values that grow out of hope. Two things develop in the life of a Christian who has his eye on the future. One thing is perseverance, and the other is enthusiasm.

The word patience has experienced quite a change in meaning from the days when the King James Version was produced, and perhaps even more change from the days when the Apostle Paul penned these words. Quite literally this word means holding up under a situation, which may in part be explained by the word perseverance or persistence. It describes that quality in a person who sees the goal and is willing to endure all the opposition and suffering of the

present and with a dogged determination press forward toward the goal. This was the quality of Job in the midst of his sufferings (James 5:11).

In some sense this quality may seem to partake of the quality of emotionless, austere, discipline in the face of crushing circumstances. But that is not the case. In fact, the undaunted courage in the face of opposition and suffering is colored by enthusiasm for the glorious prospect that lies ahead. That is the sense of the verb "wait" in this clause. It pictures the person stretching out his neck away from the present and reaching for the future. It is this quality that greets each new day with an expectancy that it will bring realization of the promises of Christ at His coming. This means that every effort expended for Him will be crowned with success and reward.

This hope is what God's people are going to need as they enter 1975. Recovery of any sort, if there is recovery of any kind, will not bring a perfect state; and any degree of improvement will not approximate that which will be established at the coming of Christ. So knowing that Christ may come any time and it may be soon, there is reason to face the future with joy and expectation.

We can depend upon the Lord to help us pray for the things that we need (vv. 26-27). And we can rest assured that the program of God is constructed over a pattern that works everything for good to them that love God (v. 28). The purpose of God is to bring His own into complete conformity with Christ (v. 29), and therefore He has designed everything to work in such a way that it will accomplish this for each child of God. This means the end is sure, and our hope will be realized.

The year of 1975 may be marked by a whole succession of hardships, but these will not change the purpose and program of God. He works all things after the counsel of His own will (Eph. 1:11), and He has assured us that He will work them for our good (Rom. 8:28). Since these things are true, and the grand culmination may come at any time (Titus 2:13), there is reason for us to exercise unflinching courage and abounding enthusiasm in the days that lie ahead. For we are saved by hope. ☞

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From Pastor-Teacher to Pastor-Student . . . and Back Again

Four days a week Jim Custer pastors the aggressive, growing Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Ohio. The other three days he's a student at Grace Theological Seminary, working in the postgraduate division toward the Master of Theology degree.

Why would a busy, involved pastor of ten years' experience commute a four-hour trip each week to sleep, eat and "hit the books" with the other 320 seminarians?

"I need to reorder my personal study habits and set higher goals for understanding and proclaiming God's Word," says Custer, whose Sunday morning preaching audience is approximately 1500. "After you preach through most of the real important books of the Bible, your congregation could probably give it back to you word-for-word," he says, stressing that another of his purposes in returning to school is to "polish the rusty tools" of the Biblical languages.

Custer, a native of Martinsburg, West Virginia, is known throughout the Brethren Church for his aggressive leadership of people and organizations. A 1960 graduate of Grace College with a B.A. degree in English, he also was graduated from Grace Seminary in

1963 with the Bachelor of Divinity (since changed to Master of Divinity) degree. He was ordained in October of 1964 and served as an assistant to Pastor Kenneth Ashman at the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio, and as pastor of the First Brethren Church of Dallas Center, Iowa, before taking the Columbus church.

Being back in school means extra work for those at home. His wife, Triceine, is fully behind the project, even though it means assuming a greater responsibility in the home and with the Custers' three children. The Columbus church, as well, believes that having their pastor back in school is a worthwhile investment. Carrying added loads while Custer is gone are John Willett, associate pastor; Lou Kolozse, superintendent of Worthington Christian Schools; and Daryle Emch, pastoral intern.

Custer has found his time on campus both stimulating and challenging. "I expect to go back to that pulpit refreshed with new material and new



Pastor Jim Custer of Columbus, Ohio, returned to Grace Theological Seminary for a semester of profitable study.

insight in new areas," he says. Admitting that this stimulation is also one of his problems, the articulate Custer says: "I get more charged up the three days I'm here . . . it would take me 70 years to accomplish all the things I've been stimulated to think about and do. This term has been a revival in my life!"

Why does he come 200 miles when he has many excellent educational resources in Columbus? "Because I value the wisdom of these men under whom I sit," is the answer he fires back. "I want access to the minds of men who have spent their lives resolving these issues. . . . A book only talks to you, but the professors who are alive see the problems from the dimension that I'm experiencing them, and have answers from their own study of the Word of God. I came to get contact with these men who know the Word."

Also important for his own renewal is his submission to the established discipline of school life. "At home there is no way I can get away from the tele-

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phone . . . now my church understands that three days a week I'm going to be gone, and here I have a chance to study, to think, and to work through some vital questions."

By taking eight hours next semester at the seminary as well as two hours by tape, Custer hopes to finish his degree within the next year. He cites several of his classes and instructors as being particularly influential in his current school experience. His class in pastoral problems and procedures is one, although he is likely the most experienced person in the class, apart from Prof. Charles Ashman. "Prof. Ashman handles me beautifully in that class," says Custer, pointing out that the ideas, theories, and papers presented by his fellow students are of far more value to him than to themselves. As an example, he cites a paper by a fellow student on ministering to the aging and aged. "That one *haunts* me," he admits.

"Old Testament studies under Dr. John Whitcomb are particularly challenging," he says. When in seminary before, he was not able to include a full range of Old Testament studies, so he now is "plugging the gap" in his former preparation.

"Being in Dr. Homer Kent, Jr.'s class," he says, "gives me a direct opportunity to pick the mind of one of the finest Greek scholars in the world today. I can take what he gives me and plug it right into my ministry."


The Columbus church currently has a Bible institute, a day school, and is developing a program for Ohio State University students who are in sciences and disciplines not offered by Christian schools. These specialized ministries, in addition to the full program of the church itself, place an added responsibility on Custer to develop himself further. "I came to prepare myself for where we will be five years from now," he says. "All those areas demand that I be much better trained

than I am . . . much more a student. I need to be able to preach to the people the very most effective, the truest, and best messages possible."

"Pastor Jim," as he's affectionately known by the 35 Columbusites and their families currently on the Grace campus, finds that a side benefit to his graduate work is having a firsthand knowledge of happenings and progress on the campus itself. He feels that if he is to intelligently recommend Grace College and Grace Seminary to those of his congregation who are interested, he should know more fully how things "really are" at the schools.

He has developed an interest in having others of his congregation take advantage of continued education possibilities at Grace, as well. "I'd like to see many of our men who are not necessarily going into the full-time pas-

torate or ministry be able to come to Grace Schools and take a semester of concentrated studies." He has also realized some close fellowship with members of his congregation who occasionally drive for him or assist in his weekly "shuttle service" for parents who send packages to Grace students.

"I'm astutely aware of the change in me," Custer says, reflecting on the completion of his first semester of postgraduate work. "My church sees it, my family sees it, and my relatives see it. It's a total revival. I have discovered archaeology, probed professors' minds, interacted with dynamic students, relished some quiet hours of uninterrupted study, revived unused tools, and reviewed my priorities. I want to become the best pastor possible, for the Lord's glory and His church's benefit." 

Pastor Custer particularly appreciated times to ponder and plan.





The Normal Christian Life

Thoughts on Psychology in the Book of Philippians

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Today as never before, people are interested in psychology, and what it has to say to men. The study of psychology deals with the mind, its senses, and human behavior. Since our mind controls our behavior and our behavior influences and is influenced in many ways, it becomes an interesting study. Also involved are the ever increasing problems of the mind, social relations in a complex world, mental and moral breakdowns, the increase of the occult (for example, astrology), and the desire to know the future and the things of the metaphysical world.

Man is constantly trying to explore the human mind and human behavior. It seems logical to the Christian that this knowledge can best come through an understanding of the One who created the mind of mankind, as well as a study of the textbook He has written on the subject. The most authoritative

textbook written on the subject of human behavior today is the Bible. It is not only authoritative, it is objective and it is the final word on the subject. The Bible is not a textbook on psychology. It is a text on God and His relationship to mankind whom He created. However, in this context, there is much stated in the Bible on human behavior. Wherein the Bible speaks on the subject of psychology, it speaks with final authority. There are a number of places in the Word of God where it directly touches on psychology. One of the most important places is in the Book of Philippians.

Each person is beset in life by many and varied problems. This is common to mankind because of sin. Yet God's

Word can and does help alleviate these problems. In the Book of Philippians, four such problems are considered and the proper means of disposal are given. In chapter one, the problem of personal identification is considered. With what and with whom are we identified in life? Each person needs self-identification and is interested in association with some cause, group, or individuals. Chapter two deals with the problem of personal disposition. Each person is disposed in one or more directions. This can become frustrating with the many crosscurrents in life today. What is the proper path of life's disposition? In chapter three, there is the problem of priorities. Especially in today's complex life and fast living, we all have the problem of priorities. With so many people and interests tugging at us, frustration arises in not knowing which to choose. In chapter four,

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there is the problem of personal security. Security in life is something each individual seeks. Whether it is security found in friends, love, education, finances, the future, or whatever, each individual seeks for it.

The Christian and Psychology

For the Christian there arise problems in the area of faith and belief. When a supposed "fact" of science conflicts with a person's belief, trouble may develop. The conflict in a person stems from how much his thinking is shaped by heredity and environment. If behavior is completely determined by these factors, as some think, then freedom is an illusion. In today's existential and pragmatic world man is conditioned to become absolutely "free" of all restraints or bonds. Heredity and/or environment may inhibit him.

For the Christian, his problem is heightened by the idea that religious beliefs become an unrealistic bondage to his "superego" or moral conscience. To free himself from this control, it is often suggested that he should "live it up."

What actually occurs, more often than not, is that the individual becomes more guilt ridden and his anxieties are heightened. What is really needed is an understanding of freedom in Christ, through a study of the Word of God, and a pattern of life consistent with that freedom. Much of the problem in today's Christian society is a superimposition of do's and don'ts on Christian individuals. These rules may or may not have a foundation in the Word of God. It is not the "black" area of life that bothers us (that is, the don'ts of the Ten Commandments) or the "white" area of life (that is, the do's of the Ten Commandments) that impose problems, but the great "gray" area wherein the Bible does not specifically state exactly what we are to do

or not do. The reason that the Bible is not specific in the "gray" area is twofold: (1) Certain actions are not always wrong but must be considered in a contextual light of times, manners, customs; and (2) God wishes His children to become spiritually mature and be able to make mature judgments based on the truth of His Word, as the person allows the Holy Spirit to guide him into all the truth (John 16:13). This also presupposes for the Christian a continuous growth in the "grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18).

Today, we live in a world dominated by the philosophies of existentialism (that is, man exists as an individual in a purposeless world, and that he must oppose his hostile environment by the exercise of his free will) and pragmatism (that is, the system of philosophy which tests the validity of concepts and actions by their practical results; if it works, it is alright). The resultant emphasis of these two philosophies shows up in the effects of the depersonalization of society, the breakdown of the eternal and traditional elements of faith, and the loss of meaning to present life. Man is essentially free; he is conscious of himself as being, and he can think and question his own existence. For the Christian this poses a real problem in that this philosophy accepts no authority other than experience. God is eliminated as well as are all moral laws.

Traits or characteristic patterns of behavior are basic in the development of every individual's unique personality. As our interrelations between these traits are formed, conflicts are created because of differences in interests and goals. A Christian desires to avoid inconsistencies and disorder, to be creative and useful, and hopefully to reduce tensions caused by inner conflicts. Thus, the attempt to organize his life, which may take one of two

forms: (1) By consciously or unconsciously isolating the traits that are causing the problems into logic-tight compartments that do not allow for any problem solving or communication. In this way he may lose control over part of his personality and his solution is worse than the problem itself; or (2) make one trait an organizing principle, and then subordinating all other traits to it. A good example of this is seen in Philippians 1:21: "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." This shows the simple trust of the Christian in Christ as an organizing principle in life. This answers the problem of identification with the resultant proper organization.

This problem of organization resolves itself into finding a proper center for the personality into which all the human traits may be channeled, and which are at the same time beyond the human element. In this thought, one would have a center for personality growth that would be unlimited and allow for growth and expansion. This then is the message of Philippians: The Normal Christian Life. This is also what Paul was talking about in Galatians 2:20, the "ego" or "I," "...am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."

The most serious problem that plagues most Christians is that of the "old" and "new" natures. The two are diametrically opposed to each other, and every Christian has the two within himself. Paul certainly set forth the conflict quite clearly in Romans 7:11-25 wherein he noted in verse 15, "For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that I do not; but what I hate that I do." It then calls for a constant and consistent application to

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daily living of the integration of the traits of life to the center, which is Christ. Only when this takes place can the latent power of the personality be combined with the power of God to produce a usefulness in the Christian life.

The Bible has been given to man generally for three reasons: (1) To show how *sin* entered the human race and the need to overcome it; (2) To show the way of *salvation* through Jesus Christ and His overcoming of the sin problem; and (3) To show regenerate man the way of *sanctification* in his life until Christ returns. Qualitatively, each of these three aspects of the Bible is of equal value. A person cannot have the one without the other, and they must be accomplished in this order. However, quantitatively, the first two ways take up relatively little of the Bible; while the third way, that of holy living takes up the majority of the Scripture. This is the reason for the many biographical sketches in the Bible—to show the Christian the normal way of spiritual life as God evaluates it. The Lord Jesus Christ stated in John 10:10, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." This abundant life includes mature mental health, but it includes much more. If an individual's faith in Christ does not result in a more satisfying personal life, regardless of the problems or obstacles, there is either something wrong in his life, or with his application of Biblical principles to daily

living.

In conclusion, it may be suggested there are five ways by which each Christian can live a more satisfying personal life, and be a better steward of the grace of God.

(1) **Integration**—In this Christ becomes the center for all of one's diverse traits of personality. After the initial step of regeneration, the integrating of one's personality becomes a matter of listening to the Holy Spirit's leading.

(2) **Purpose**—An important factor in helping a person to live a useful life is the knowledge that there is a purpose in life. Life is meaningless unless there is a purpose to it. In Philippians 1:21, Paul states, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Here is the thought of personal identification with Christ. The ultimate purpose for the Christian is seeking to achieve the will of God in and through his own life.

(3) **Contemplation**—A person who is mentally healthy and spiritually acute, is one who is contemplative. Periodically he pauses to take stock of his spiritual life, and seeks to relate himself to the important concerns of faith and life. Paul clearly brought this out in Philippians 2:5, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." As the Christian reflects on himself, studies the Word of God, and speaks to Him in prayer, the result brings relaxation, positive Christian conduct, insight into life's problems, the ability to make decisions, and the indefinable strength and power resulting from the working of the Holy Spirit in his life. This cares for the

problem of personal disposition in life.

(4) **Perspective**—When one personally applies the principles of the Christian faith to everyday life and living and these are integrated, the result is an understanding of the ultimate future of life. Paul says in I Corinthians 6:20 that, "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." This perspective, the realization that things happening today have relevance for the present as well as for eternity, can bring meaning and significance to every incident in life.

(5) **Outgoing**—In Matthew 16:25, Christ said, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake will find it." Because the Christian's ideal concern is not immediate and selfish goals, his life can become an outflowing of help for others. A characteristic of the mentally healthy person is an outgoing personality. When we take Christ's commission in Matthew 28:19, we become outgoing. When we rely on Paul's thought in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me," it shows the help we can and do have in Christ. This gives to the Christian a sense of personal security to trust in the Lord for every aspect of our life.

Each problem raised by life and psychology has its answer in the Word of God. These answers should be sought and found. When they are found and applied personally, the normal spiritual life that God has for each of us will be evident. ☞

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up who is showing Christ's attitudes and actions than to have many with un-Christlike actions. You see, there is teamwork involved here. Imagine my trying to share Christ with my opponent after the match when the spectators have shown poor sportsmanship. He sees hypocrisy and wants nothing to do with it.

I can understand why Paul wrote in I Thessalonians 1:5, "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know

what manner of men we were among you for your sake." When Paul spoke, his words didn't go out of his mouth empty, but rather they went out with power, conviction of the Holy Spirit, and with the assurance of results. The reason was that Paul had lived among the people and they had experienced his attitudes, actions, and responses in good times as well as the bad. Through it all Paul had let Christ show himself in Paul's weak body.

We saw this verse in action this year on the tennis team. Because of its truth I was privileged to share with two or three guys how they, too, could have this great life in Christ. Their re-

sponse was one of real interest. Other coaches and players were asking why we were so happy all the time, why we got along with each other so well, and basically what made the difference in our lives. I even overheard some of them saying they always liked playing Grace. We had the privilege of telling them why.

As spectators let's do our half of the work and give the players a chance to share Christ without being ashamed of "Christian misconduct."

"And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord" (Psalms 40:3). ☞

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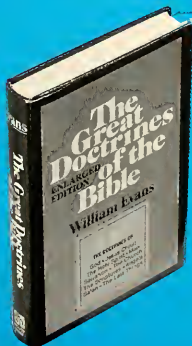
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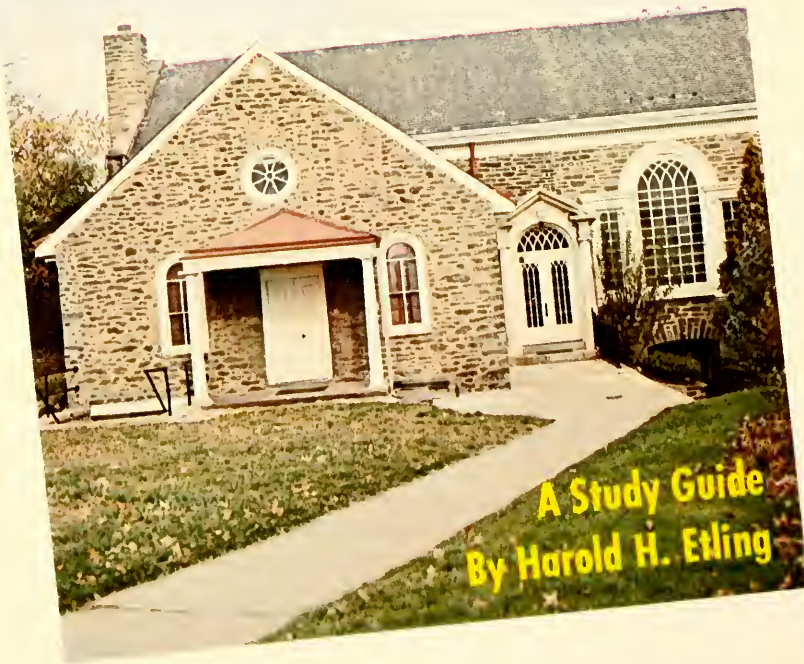
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On page 23 of the December 14 *Herald*, a picture of a boy with a bear appeared, beginning a contest to see who could guess the boy's identity. Several wrong guesses were submitted:

... it is Charles Ashman, Jr.—*Indiana*

... I think it is Gerald Polman of Englewood, Ohio.—*Ohio*

... the photo looks like Dr. Robert Collitt.—*Ohio*

... it is my firm conviction that the boy with the bear is none other than Arnold R. Kriegbaum.—*Ohio*

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... I guess the little boy is Jim Custer.—*Colorado*

Sorry, but they were all wrong.

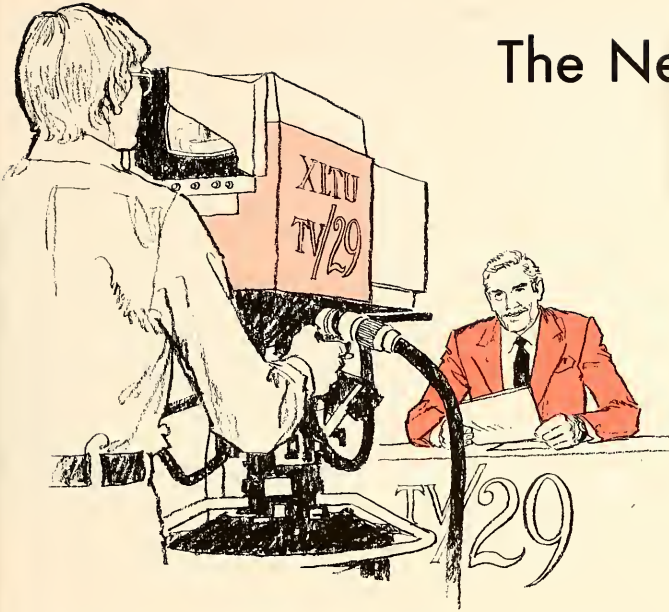
However, two right guesses were submitted. Congratulations to Connie Clinton of Portland, Oregon, who submitted the first correct guess. "The boy is Rev. William H. Schaffer." Connie won a \$5 gift certificate from the College Bookstore.

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the beautiful Christmas issue of the *Herald*. The cover was beautiful, and the content was so very good. I like the one-issue idea in December.—*Ohio*

The News Gives Me the Blues

By Charles W. Turner
Editor



It matters not how great the day has been, if I do not watch very carefully, the six o'clock news can give me the blues. I have had those days when it was almost impossible to make me mad. I have smiled for hours at problems and grinned at personal confrontations, only at the end of the day to suffer distress with my digestion due to watching the latest newscast on TV.

It seems the intent and purpose of the news media is to see how much gloom can be shed in the briefest period of time. The NBC, CBS and ABC networks are all bent on winning the "Emmy" award for presenting the saddest story of the day. With great pains they go to every effort to find the most miserable news release via satellite from the four corners of the world. If my only contact with humanity came from the newscasts, I would be forced to conclude there is absolutely nothing resembling cheer left in this old world of ours.

I have tried to argue with Walter Cronkite, but I can't win. The attempted two-way conversation with him in New York and me at Winona Lake has not brought very satisfactory results. However, after a visit to New York last year, I was left with the

opinion that if the Optimist Club were to locate in New York City it would have to change its name! The immediate surroundings no doubt affect the outlook of the newscasters.

Several years ago I obtained my first press card when I became an editor. It clearly says I am "entitled to all press privileges." At the time it seemed quite a change from the ministerial cards I had been carrying for years. I can now get through police lines to view disasters such as the havoc and devastation caused from hurricanes, tornadoes and other types of catastrophies. After several years of attending such problems, I can begin to see why the media looks grim at the first sight of a camera. It is part of the "press privileges" to do so.

If a young person is not of college age he/she probably has never heard any *good* news. Our youth have lived with Vietnam and the social rebellion on campus and streets, Watergate, the Energy Crisis, and now inflation and a feared depression. What a gloomy period of time for the young.

Why all the gloom? Well, it is all rather simple. Man is taking a long look at himself and he does not like what he sees. We have been on an in-

trospection kick with books and reams of material on the subject of MAN. We have been encouraged to do our own *thing*—let the old man and old nature go. "Enjoy yourself without discipline and without God," has become our cry in the liberated society of the twentieth century. And it makes us all see what man is really like, and we don't like what we see.

Not a pretty picture is it? A world using up its resources with a feared shortage of material. Our environment is polluted and our lives corrupted. People starving and doubts of survival are ever lurking behind the door. No, not a very pretty picture! But, all of this makes the prophecies in the Book of Revelation seem so near to fulfillment. And as man stands in the spotlight of his collective problems, the glare of the bright light brings increasing fear.

Though the news of man brings the blues to me, the message of God brings hope. The true light still shines brightly. Christ came into the world to give life as well as light. And the only hope that can be seen in this note of secular despair is the message of God to man. Christ came to forgive and to deliver man from himself and his sins. With this direct contact to God that results in the new birth in Christ, there is reason to change one's attitudes and life. Not only is there hope for existence following our physical death, but there is a purpose and joy in living today. Doing God's commands and loving Him brings much light in the gloom.

So, NBC, CBS and ABC, I think I will turn in my press card and take a fresh look at my ministerial card. After all, it reminds me of the message that can bring hope to a sad and discouraged world. Because the Lord still lives, there is great hope and promise for today and tomorrow. So, be gone, gloom and the blues!

The Meat and Potato Circuit

Brethren ministers are okay! They have to be to endure some of the things to which they are subjected. Take, for example, the recent foreign mission luncheon meetings conducted in the East and South. Without exception, the majority of pastors and wives responded to the invitation, taking time out from their busy schedules to attend another dinner meeting. The food in most cases was delicious. The fellowship was always superb, and perhaps that was enough to entice them to travel up to 60 miles (one couple drove over 200 miles) to hear and hear about missions. To be sure, the Foreign Missionary Society picked up the tab. But, as the adage says, there is no such thing as a free lunch; so, our guests did pay a price. They were expected to sit and absorb an hour's worth of the foreign mission program and its various aspects. Admittedly, this is expecting endurance beyond the call of duty! But short of the presence of active missionaries, it is the most effective means we have found to saturate churches with the exciting story of foreign missions today and to motivate them to greater participation in the evangelization of the world. Furthermore, it provides the foreign mission staff with a direct means of communication, criticism and control of the foreign mission en-

terprise among Brethren churches.

The purpose of the seminars is to impart information that will, hopefully, be shared with congregations. The seminars are also designed so that by direct encounter we can learn how churches feel about missions. The extent to which the latter purpose is fulfilled is indicated by the following thoughts gleaned from questions and observations made during the sessions.

★The Foreign Missionary Society enjoys the respect, the confidence, and the backing of most of the churches. But this can only be maintained by a continuing aggressive foreign mission thrust that is based on Biblical evangelism and church planting.

★Pastors are disturbed by the lack of missionaries available for deputation. They want and will use more audiovisual presentations, but insist that nothing can be as effective as the

missionary's periodic presence in churches. Fortunately, more missionaries were available for conferences this year, but this will be a continuing problem until there are more missionaries in the total program.

★Churches are concerned about the shortage of candidates and recognize the role of the local church in helping to solve that problem.

★"TIME" and "Term" missionary opportunities are popular. Pastors are pleased that the Brethren Church has such mission programs available for their youth.

★Criticisms of missionaries on deputation were few. Most testify that the conduct of Brethren missionaries is unimpeachable; their message is relevant and well delivered; and their presence is a blessing to the local church—but there aren't enough to provide an adequate program in every church.

This annual series of mission seminar luncheons is, for me at least, an inspiring experience. To be associated with pastors who—for the most part—are solidly behind the missionaries and the program of Brethren Foreign Missions is most encouraging.

With this kind of backing, 1975 should be a year of notable victories for Christ in the evangelization of the world.

A Moment with Missions

By John W. Zielasko

Left: Part of the group at the Brethren Foreign Missions meal and seminar at the Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa. Right: Pastor

Robert Burns of Meyersdale examines the well-stocked missionary chest ready for the missionary conference.



Missionaries Lois Wilson, Lois Miller and Lila Sheely at a display prepared by the Meyersdale church for the missionary conference.



Pastor and Mrs. Fred Walter (Listie, Pa.) with Mrs. John Zielasko at the Brazil booth at Meyersdale.

Host Pastor Wesley Haller and part of the group at the East District luncheon and seminar.



East District pastors and wives along with missionaries present at the luncheon and seminar at the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.



To Implant Evangelical Christianity in France

Tropical paradise—primitive jungle—verdant veldt—historic shrine—scenic alp—romantic land: which would you choose if you were planning to travel outside the United States? Topping the next highest choice by over 25 percent is *France*, according to figures released by the U. S. Passport Office.

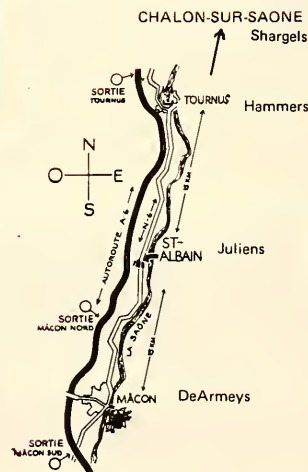
Historically, from the Revolutionary War through the two world wars of this century and into our present era of oil economy, the destinies of France and the United States have shared common concerns. In spite of frequent differences of opinion, the two nations collaborate on many issues and the relationship remains friendly.

Mere national friendship has not been sufficient for Brethren missionaries traveling to and from French-speaking Africa. For years a burden was expressed by many as they lived in France for a time learning the French language. Finally in 1951 the first full-time Brethren missionaries traveled to France to begin the work. These first efforts were directed toward the city of Lyon by the Fred Fogle family. There were disappointments, but there were also lasting accomplishments in establishing a Christian testimony in their first ventures.

By Raymond W. Thompson
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In 1964 a central location was established in a castle located in the village of Saint-Albain—about 45 miles north of Lyon. A very carefully worked out objective has been followed during the last ten years with the stated purpose being “to implant evangelical Christianity in the principal cities of the Saone-et-Loire.” The Saone-et-Loire is one of 95 departments into which France is subdivided. It would roughly correspond to a midway division between a county and a state in the United States with a government somewhat similar to one of our states.

The Department of the Saone-et-Loire can be visualized as lying just southeast of central France. The name is derived from the two major rivers, the Loire flowing northwest, and the Saone flowing south, which are so important to the commerce and the agriculture of the department. This is principally an agricultural area. Wines made from the grapes grown here are certified and renowned around the world. A recent scandal made international news when it was disclosed



that some of these certified wines had been mixed with vintages from other areas in order to increase the volume of these expensive premium wines.

Our missionaries are now located at approximately seven-mile intervals along the Saone River. To the south is Macon and in the north is Chalon-sur-Saone. Between these two points are Tournus and Saint-Albain. This is an especially strategic configuration of points because they lie along the major river, railroad and motor highway reaching the great cities of this segment of France. In fact, this area has been labeled the main north-south

Church in Africa: Bold Bright and Clashing

route in France.

About a half million people live in the Department of the Saone-et-Loire. These people are largely unevangelized. Tragically, this area has been reached for centuries with a nominal Christianity. At one time the monastery of nearby Cluny was considered to be one of the major Christian centers of Europe, if not the world. Its remaining buildings and ruins indicate a community of such imposing magnificence as to inspire awe, and certainly to indicate the impoverishment of local citizens to build it.

There are two large centers for the propagation of beliefs in this area. One of these is devoted to charismatic phenomena and the other is an ecumenical center attempting to unite the good of all religions into a humanitarian brotherhood. Actually very little is being done in any attempt to evangelize and plant churches among these people.

Now with the beginnings of established works in four centers along the Saone, our missionaries feel it is time to reach out into interior areas. Three cities have been targeted as immediate goals. These are Montceau-les-Mines, Le Creusot and Autun. An additional nine cities are also under investigation as the possible objects of evangelism and church-planting efforts. In some of them classes have been held and limited evangelistic efforts have indicated some responsiveness.

What are we waiting for? The preliminary planning has been done. The objectives are clear. People. Called and prepared people. People who are willing to give themselves to a cause that will demand the best, but will offer great and satisfying rewards. To see the opportunity in perspective, note that we still have fewer Brethren workers in France than compose the staffs of some of our larger churches in the U.S.—this in spite of an opportunity which staggers the imagination for innovative Biblical evangelism.

The words are still in The Book: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."

Africans like their colors bold, bright and often clashing. Africa's religious forces look much the same.

Dr. David Barrett, a Nairobi-based anthropologist, spotlighted just how bright and bold Christianity's chances were when he published in 1968 a comprehensive study on church growth in Africa. He concluded that Christianity—not Islam—is the fastest growing force on the continent. Church growth, at 5 percent, is double the average population increase.

Events since 1968 have strengthened his conclusion. For example, last year a French evangelist came to Ivory Coast to dedicate a church. Some healings took place in the services and catapulted the evangelist to national prominence. Thirty thousand people in the capital city of Abidjan packed the stadium to hear him preach. The government flew the evangelist to provincial centers where thousands more accepted Christ and hundreds of villages asked for catechists. The church in Ivory Coast still cannot cope with the wave of new converts and responsive villages.

Last year also, a five-year drought in six West African countries cracked the previously solid Moslem front. Africans watched rival Moslem sects fighting each other over hoarded food stocks. They compared this to the open generosity of Christians who shared with anyone in need. Now missionaries report a new interest and response to the Gospel in areas traditionally monopolized by Islam.

Coping with the Numbers Explosion

In a recent study, Dr. Barrett wrote of a nominal fringe of 32 million Africans now crowding around church doors and seeking to enter the faith. By A.D. 2000 they will number 95 million. He describes this nominal fringe of people as receptive to the Christian message and already past the point of decision. They are "an unprecedented phenomenon in the history of Christian missions."

This kind of spiritual movement

throughout black Africa has prompted some Africanists to project that in 25 years the present generally defined Christian population of 91 million will swell to 350 million, outstripping Islam and making Africa at least nominally the world's first Christian continent.

The panorama of Christianity in Africa, however, is not only bold and bright. Dark areas of tension also abound.

Nigerian-born Dr. Byang Kato, probably the leading spokesman for evangelicals in Africa, fears that by A.D. 2000 the church in Africa may be unworthy of the name Christian. Extensive travels convinced him that three out of five African believers possess a syncretistic faith that everyone will ultimately be saved regardless of belief.

He blames this deviation from Biblical truth on unpreparedness and theological ignorance. Missions and national churches were unprepared for the phenomenal response noted above. They failed to contextualize Biblical theology in Africa, and failed to train adequately for the ministry. The resulting lack of theological teaching leaves church leaders and new converts alike in a dangerous vacuum.

Dr. John S. Mbiti, an Ugandan author and lecturer, summed up the problem: "The church here (in Africa) now finds itself in the situation of trying to exist without a theology."


Fighting to Fill the Theology Vacuum

Ecumenical groups have a head start on evangelicals in filling that theological vacuum. Bruce Nicholls reports that the World Council of Churches spends three million dollars every five years to train promising African and Asian church leaders in liberal seminaries.

The Third General Assembly of the All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) held at Lusaka in May showed the significance of this headstart. Five hundred delegates from 113 churches

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YALOKÉ JUBILEE 1924-1974



Fifty years! Jubilee! The Bible teaches us to cast a glance over what has been accomplished in the past years. The jubilee of Yaloke gives us this opportunity, not to glorify the work of the missionaries, but to praise God for what He has done through them.

Truly the servant is more important than his service. It is the first condition necessary for a work to develop. There must be workers, yes; but these must be men and women who have the qualities of heart which were in Jesus Christ and which they have received from Him.

But let us turn back to June 4, 1923, in the center of Africa. James Gribble looks unto his Lord after having opened the door of Oubangui-Chari to the Brethren Mission. The undaunted hope that he possessed had no equal other than his faith in the promises of God. He was convinced that this region in the center of the African

By Colette Steudler
Missionary to Africa

continent was the promised land for his wife and himself.

After waiting three years at the western border to obtain permission from the French authorities of French Equatorial Africa, in 1921 he was able to build the first house on the first station at Bassai. In response to his faith, several missionaries arrived; thus, additional construction was required. Exhausted by frequent attacks of fever, James Gribble could not achieve his work, and his state of health was beyond hope. He finally went to rest in peace with his Lord, barely two years after this work began.

Five missionaries had been assigned to open the second station—Yaloke. Then in that summer of 1923, Dr. Florence Gribble was alone and the young man who was to accompany her

died on the way, 50 kilometers from Yaloke. Full of courage in spite of her loneliness, Mrs. Gribble decided to go ahead, regardless of the circumstances, and open the station.

Accompanied by Mr. Hathaway, on February 19, 1924, she marked the location for future houses on one of the red hills. As soon as the work had begun, Mr. Hathaway left to bring back his wife from Bassai. Dr. Gribble stayed alone for several weeks supervising the workers, but she was also confined to her bed several times because of attacks of fever. One morning just as she was lying down, the little caravan of missionaries was announced. What a surprising arrival! Mrs. Hathaway, ill, arrived on the station lying on a small iron bed carried by four African workers.

Would these three pioneer missionaries cry and lament because they were facing such difficulties? No, the sickbeds were placed side by side and the

three of them began praying—praising the Lord for the opening of this new station.

My purpose here is not to list all the faithful men and women who later came to Yaloke. However, Florence Gribble, Elizabeth Tyson, Mary Emmert, and Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Taber are names intimately associated with Yaloke. They shall always serve as examples for us, the missionaries of the year of jubilee.

Dr. Gribble always had three objectives in view during her long service at Yaloke:

- 1) *To evangelize.* She often went by foot into surrounding villages on Sundays to tell the gospel story to those who had not heard.
- 2) *To heal.* This was her profession. She saw in this work a means of bringing souls to the Saviour. She realized that by showing compassion one touches men's hearts.
- 3) *To teach.* Considering this third work as important as the first two, she courageously assisted in this ministry. In order to keep the French school open during Miss Emmert's furlough, she spent a year in France, obtaining the required diploma to satisfy the demands of the French authorities in Africa.

Today, because of the faithfulness of God who has honored the faith of His servant, these three activities not only continue, but have been considerably developed. Better yet! The Lord always gives above what we ask of Him. As a Christian brother has said, "The greatest joy for a missionary is to see himself replaced by an African brother who is capable and whom he has trained."

Yes, this is wonderful! At Yaloke the local church has two pastors and a growing membership (995 members as of October 1, 1974). A promise for the future: the School of Theology has already trained four pastors, who have had five years of theological study. Two of them are now teaching at the James Gribble High School. This fall there are nine students in the School of Theology.

The dispensary, well managed by the medical evangelists trained at Medical Center (Bogula) and Bible Institute, is known for its maternity center which is very busy, and housed in modern buildings. One of the former

students of our high school is now in America studying medicine.

The teaching must change with the needs of the country. The nationalization of primary schools in 1962 resulted in the closing of a normal school—for training primary school-teachers. However, an evangelical high school was able to open in its place with the assistance of European missionaries. We cannot overlook the mention of Dr. Orville Jobson in regard to this school, for he played a most significant role in its creation and establishment. That is why, at our first student body chapel service this year, we praised God for the life of this servant of His, who had died just a few days earlier.

In this year of jubilee is it not a special benediction to see, for the first time, teachers of our high school who were once students in this same school? God reveals His designs in His own time—if we pray to know His will. Last year at this time we were thinking of not looking for new students for this fall, and to progressively eliminate the classes because of the shortage of personnel. Instead of these plans, so lacking in faith, we see an enlargement, prosperity, and the possibility of many young people studying at a Christian school. The increase in students is an answer to the need of finances to pay the salaries of the African teachers.

Finally, an event which has caused surprise throughout the village: there are three girls in the high school! How many times in letters or during our furloughs have we presented the need to educate the girls and, above all, to give them the same Bible training that the boys here receive. And that is precisely why, in this year of jubilee, the Lord has led us to this innovation in a manner quite unexpected.

Thus, faithfulness in the service of the Lord is not only seen in the work of the missionary, but it is also frequent and active among our African brothers.

Having before us these tangible proofs of the blessing of God on the church, the dispensary, and the schools, we can look to the future with faith, even if, for us personally, our time on this station is near an end.

Those to relieve us are at hand! Glory to God who has done all things well.

CHURCH IN AFRICA . . .

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in 31 countries attended. Among them were evangelical church leaders who attempted to make their influence felt. But they were outmaneuvered, outnumbered and practically outcast. Dr. Kato's gloomy assessment: "That the church in Africa is now heading for a new form of liberalism is clear."

The AACC delegates approved one resolution which will soon loom large in African mission-church relationships: moratorium. John Gatut, General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in East Africa, defined moratorium as the "complete withdrawal of all mission personnel and resources for at least five years." Even at Lausanne during the Congress on World Evangelization he maintained that "the presence of missionaries in Africa enslaves African Christians," and that the churches cannot find their "true identity" until left alone.

Standing up to Hostile Nationalism

Hostile nationalism is yet another dark area of tension in the overview of African Christianity. Believers are being pressured in the name of national unity or honor to accept changes in conflict with their conscience.

In Zaire (Congo) this meant forcing evangelical churches to join the Church of Christ in Zaire whose leadership is openly ecumenical and whose policies—unless checked—will eventually sap the churches of their spiritual vitality.

In Chad this hostile nationalism is now attempting to force animistic rites on Christians—and threatening crucifixion or live burial if they refuse.

It would seem that the dark, spreading areas of conflict must ultimately overwhelm the church in Africa. Whether misguided nationalism, civil strife or theological anemia, Christians are always the target.

But history is on the church's side. Faithful even to death, believers in Burundi, Sudan, Zaire and Uganda have proven consistently that in any panorama of the Church in Africa, the bright and bold colors dominate.—By Robert L. Niklaus, Associate Editor, *The Alliance Witness and missionary to Africa for 15 years.*

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Missionary Mailbag

Belem, Brazil

We have a lot of fellowship with the Brethren down here. Duke Wallace and George Johnson only live 500 yards from us. Also, we meet together with all the Brethren in the Belem area once a month for a time of prayer and fellowship. We have been attending Duke's church and hope to become more involved with it when we have more Portuguese.—*Mr. and Mrs. Jim Menkhoff*, members of Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio, now serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators. (*Letter received via Pastor Marion Thomas*)

Findlay, Ohio

We must not wait another day to share with you how pleased we are here at Findlay with the missionary conference we just had. What I mean is, how pleased we are with the missionaries and their presentations while here. From time to time I hear people say that the missionary is not usually a good speaker. I can truthfully say that we have had no disappointments here. The slides, the comments, the messages, the conduct, the fellowship—I mean everything has just been great.

It has been so good to get to know some more persons who now are more than a photo in a daily devotional. It has been refreshing to hear testimonies of how the Lord has led into His service. It has been soul-stirring to hear of what some of these precious ones are sacrificing to be doing what they are. They didn't boast of this—it just came out here and there. . . .

They all were, and are, a wonderful team. They fulfilled their responsibilities well and together were a real blessing to us here. I'm so glad we were able to have a missionary conference again this year.—*Pastor Glenn Coats, Findlay Grace Brethren Church*. (Foreign Missions editor's note: *Missionaries taking part in the Findlay conference were*

Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Mensinger, Miss Lila Sheely, Miss Lois Wilson, Miss Ruth Snyder, and Miss Barbara Hulse.)

Castanhal, Brazil

It is time to let you know of the wonderful things the Lord is doing in the work here.

Men's Bible study class—The men of the church and some visitors seem to enjoy the simple study of the Word. They get a great deal from it as we meet every Friday night in the cabinet shop of one of our members. He puts a big sheet of plywood up on supports. We all sit around on planks or chairs and just read the Word and talk about what it means. They ask questions and try to solve some of their problems in the light of what the Bible teaches. Ten to fifteen men come regularly.

Women's Bible study group—A lady of our church told of the many opportunities she had to witness to her neighbors and wanted a Bible study group to meet in her home. So on Friday afternoons Vivian goes to the house and leads a study in John. Six women attended the first meeting with only the hostess being a professing Christian.

Young people's group—Sparked by Vivian as teacher and a young man who is a new convert and now studying in a nearby Bible school, the young people of the church are planning on twice-monthly outdoor meetings on Saturday nights. We had the young people in our home for a party a couple of weeks ago and there were 14 here.

New Sunday School—In what was a great, empty tract of land when we were here before, a company has constructed a large housing project of dozens of dwellings. In back of this construction a small town has developed with hundreds more houses erected by the owners themselves. In this area a missionary of another mission built a small chapel and held services until he went home on furlough about six months ago. The building has been unused since then. We

contacted the owner who is now back in another area of Brazil. He gave us permission to use the building, rent free, until he comes in January to see what he can do about selling or renting his property.

On November 17 we had the first meeting with 54 in attendance. Since there are only four benches in the place, there was standing room only. Please pray that we will know how to proceed according to the Lord's will.

A boy was led to the Lord in his Sunday School class one morning, and his teacher was so excited she hardly knew what to do. She told Vivian, who told me as I was directing the closing period. Then the boy, about 12 or 13, came forward to make a public confession of his faith and to receive a Scripture verse for his encouragement. I used John 5:24.—*Keith Altig*

Stuttgart, Germany

Tomorrow morning Elaine Heatwole is leaving us. To say that we are sad to see her go is an understatement, but we are also very happy for her—she wasn't able to be with her family last Christmas, and so they are looking forward to an exciting reunion. Two transatlantic calls from Yakima, Washington, to Stuttgart this last week betray a real eagerness to see her. I'm sure we won't fully appreciate all the ways she has helped us until after she's gone a few days. We trust God's best for her for the future.

On November 13 we began a ministry with children again—one that we had laid aside, unwillingly, in June of 1973. This time, however, we are not alone in the work; there are five ladies and two girls helping. Without advertising outside of our church group there were 24 children at the first meeting. And without encouraging them to invite, the children themselves have developed such an enthusiasm to bring others that there were 36 yesterday. Two, who missed the ride, even took the streetcar! Nancy and I agreed to take the full leadership of the first two meetings to demonstrate how we have usually done meetings. The ladies were really afraid of this work, and found nearly every possible excuse why they couldn't do it. In the first meeting I really flopped. In an attempt to be fully prepared, I overloaded the story with so many details and facts that it was really a "bummer." The Monday after that meeting we met for prayer and evaluation. There was quite a bit of criticism, and eagerness from the ladies to volunteer to do something. We think that, at least in part, my poor performance in the first meeting made them think: "I certainly can't do any worse than that." It is one of those times when I really rejoice that I failed! Romans 8:28! We have more help coming, too. We have contacted Child Evangelism Fellowship, and they have a young couple who recently graduated from Bible school with special teaching in how to train children's workers. After the first of the year they plan to help us for several months in training our ladies in

how to teach more effectively. We will also probably divide the group into at least two groups, and possibly three if we can get enough workers—each group meeting in a separate location.

In our last letter we mentioned the evangelistic film for October 25. There were between 240 and 250 there, and an exciting increase in the circle of contacts with a positive response to what the Lord is doing here.

On November 24 we had our first baby dedication. The Grundlers requested this for their child, and invited relatives on both sides of the family to take part. More than 70 were crammed into our little room. We even removed the side door quickly before the service for ventilation and extra room in the hallway. We are sure that one of the main reasons for what God is doing here is that people are praying.

In our midweek Bible studies, we have started to study what the Bible says about the family. In the first three weeks we dealt with the founding of the home, and the last two weeks concerned the role of the husband in the marriage. The Lord willing, we will be spending several weeks now on the wife's role, before moving to the areas of discipline and family worship. Interest in these studies is intense, and the need is even greater. The cassettes of these studies are also making it into a number of homes where the families don't, or can't come to the meetings.

Participation by the people in the ministry is growing. On November 10, Carol Nearpass from New Jersey came for the first time. She's working at the Hannsler Publishing House. Since then she has declared this her church home, and has been a great encouragement to us. Her German is fluent; she spent two years in Berlin on a Literature Crusades team with the Plymouth Brethren, and she recently translated a long text for the youth work. Also, she plays the piano.

This week I met with three of the men for the first prayer and planning session of this type for the ministry. We discussed coming meetings, and evangelism. Dr. Whitcomb is coming at Easter time to minister in a number of places, and we have "claimed him" for a ministry here the weekend of April 5-6, 1975. These men are really visionary, talking of getting an auditorium for 500 to 700 people, and inviting other evangelical churches to take part. Please note this on your prayer calendar—we'll be saying more about it in the coming days.

Everyone is praying for and looking with us for larger quarters. The YMCA auditorium is officially out, and two other places we looked at are much too small. In the meantime we have received word that the house in which we are living is to be offered for sale in the next few weeks. Our mission is not in a position to lay out the nearly \$250,000 for the building, and the facilities are already inadequate. So, we see that the timing is *IIIs*.—*Roger Peugh* ☸



NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

Middlebranch, Ohio. The Northeastern Ohio District will host **Cedar Point Excursion III** for the young people June 6 and 7, 1975. Interested pastors and youth leaders should contact **Pastor Gerald Kelley**, 2023 State St., N.E., Canton, Ohio 44721. The program chairman is **Pastor James Custer**.

Phoenix, Ariz. More than 1,000 parents, friends and pupils attended the Christmas programs of Grace Christian Schools operated by the Grace Brethren Church. The programs were directed by **Mrs. Kathryn Shaeffer**, the music teacher.

Dr. Herman A. Hoyt conducted a conference on Bible prophecy the week of Dec. 29. He and **Pastor Mark Malles** appeared on KPAZ-TV for interviews on Monday night and Tuesday afternoon, speaking freely on current events in the light of Bible prophecy. A number of visitors attended the services as a result of the TV appearance.

Sunnyside, Wash. At the annual Northwest District Ministers Christmas Fellowship here, **Chaplain (Major) John Schumacher** sang Christmas carols and led in a devotional. In March, **Chaplain Schumacher** will host the district ministers and wives at Fort Lewis, Wash. **William Schaffer**, correspondent.



Mrs. Zelna Thurston (left) presented the money tree to Pastor and Mrs. Bruce Button.

Albany, Oregon. Contrary to the old proverb, **Pastor Bruce Button** discovered that money sometimes does grow on trees! In order to prove a statement he had made to be false, his congregation recently presented him with a "fruit-laden" money tree. "From the sizable amount 'growing' on that tree, we are convinced that I do make wrong statements once in a while," he said.

Thanks for your orders! We appreciate the many, many Sunday Schools across the country that order their curriculum supplies from the Herald Co. Each quarter, in addition to shipping Brethren adult materials, we sell materials from Gospel Light, Scripture Press, Union Gospel Press, David C. Cook, Standard Publishing, and others. (Gospel Light, Scripture Press and Cook materials are carried in stock.) Remember that it costs **nothing extra** to order your curriculum needs from the Herald Co., and the publisher then pays a commission to us for handling. The proceeds are invested in our Brethren literature ministry from which each church benefits. If we're not serving your Sunday School, why not give us a trial? Drop a note to Mrs. Jo Disbro, Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

Lake Lotawana, Mo. (EP)—How often do you see an offering plate start out with \$1,000 in it, with a request from the minister to take out whatever amount you wish?

Rev. David Finestead, 30, wanted his congregation to understand the New Testament parable of the talents which, he said, "relates to the ability of people to receive the grace of God."

Taking \$1,000 from his own savings account, he piled the money into the plate in denominations of \$5, \$10 and \$20, asking his congregation to take out secretly whatever they thought they could invest.

"There were one or two people who were nervous about it," Pastor Finestead said, "but that makes the parable real."

He said one man bought dog food in damaged containers and is reselling it. Girls are organizing bake sales and boys bought supplies for such activities as lawn mowing and guitar lessons. A local printer took some cash and is dedicating all profits from wedding invitations back to the church.

An accounting will be made. The pastor, who doubles as the local police chaplain, said he is not worried about getting his money back from people in the church which he took over in June.

Listie, Pa. After 34 years as superintendent of the Listie Brethren Sunday School, **Russell Beech** stepped down from the position Jan. 1. "The blessings of working with so many fine Christian people in the Listie church shall never be forgotten," he said. "God has given me the help and health to be in His service for these many years, and I thank Him for it. I would recommend that all who can serve Him find out how wonderfully He guides and directs—always blessing those who would be faithful." Fred Walters, pastor.

Hope, N. J. After resigning as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Manheim, Pa., **Rev. Terrance T. Taylor** began duties as pastor of the new home-mission work here Feb. 1.

Beaumont, Calif. Rev. J. Dale Brock has resigned as pastor of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church. He assumed the duties as pastor of the Rialto Brethren Church, Jan. 1, 1975.

Homerville, Ohio. The West Homer Brethren Church has called Pastor Robert Holmes to begin his 25th year in the ministry with an increase in salary.

New York (EP)—Forty-two percent of American families bought Bibles or other religious books in the past year, according to National Family Opinion, Inc., a research agency which has sampled 15,958 families.

The largest proportion of families, 68 percent, own copies of the 350-year-old King James Version, while the next most widely owned version, the 30-year-old Revised Standard Version, was in 32 percent of the homes.

The third-placed version, now in 23 percent of the family homes, was the three-year-old Living Bible—a volume which has been the biggest seller of all in the past three years—a total of 15 million copies of the paraphrase.

In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

FENN, Elbert, 64, Nov. 27. He was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa, for over 16 years. Carlton J. Fuller, pastor.

HALDEMAN, Minnie, 91, Dec. 26. She was the oldest member of the Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio. Richard E. Grant, pastor.

HOOVER, Anna G., Dec. 27. She and her husband originated the work that eventually developed into the Grace Brethren Church of Washington, Pa. Shimer E. Darr, pastor.

KEITH, David N., Dec. 15. He was a longtime member of the First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa. William H. Snell, pastor.

McMORRIS, Eliza Jane, 90, Dec. 19. She was a charter member of the Leon Brethren Church, Leon, Iowa. Glen Welborn, pastor.

PRYOR, Henry J., 61, Nov. 21. He was a longtime member of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md. Robert B. Collitt, pastor.

RIKE, Ivan, 70, Nov. 16. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Englewood, Ohio. Gerald Polman, pastor.

SHYER, Edna M., 83, Dec. 16. She was a prayer warrior and member of the First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa., for 77 years. Roger Wambold, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Minerva, Ohio. Feb. 2-7; Galen Wiley, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker
Orange, Calif. Feb. 9-12; Richard DeArmey, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

St. Petersburg, Fla. Feb. 9-15; William Tweeddale, pastor; Nathan Meyer, speaker.

La Verne, Calif. Feb. 16-21 Gregory Pfau, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

Margate, Fla. Feb. 16-23; Clyde Caes, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker.

Glendale, Calif. (EP)—“Achieving a successful family life today is a challenge. Achieving a successful *Christian* family life . . . well, most Christian families would readily admit they could use some help,” states Fritz Ridenour, Gospel Light’s well-known author and now editor of a new Family Life program.

Family Life Today is Gospel Light’s newest magazine—a monthly offering specific help for the increasing numbers of churches that want to develop a workable family life ministry among their members.

Change. The new church secretary of the Grace Brethren Community Church, West Alexandria, Ohio, is Mrs. Sandra Swafford, R. R. 2, West Alexandria, Ohio 45381 (Tel. 513-839-5291). Please change your *Annual*.

Ashland, Ohio. Child discipline workshops that meet once a month began recently at the Grace Brethren Church. They include direction from parents, staff, and counselors to children as well as other parents of preschool and elementary children. Teenagers and their parents meet once every six weeks on Wednesday evening for a combined study of mutual needs and problems. Knute Larson, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six-months’s free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to new subscribers whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Frances Smitley and Mark Fortney, Aug. 24, Suburban Grace Brethren Church, Hatboro, Pa. The bride is the daughter of Rev. Lester Smitley.

Jackie Brewer and Michael Breen, Sept. 28, Southview Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Lynne Kirscht and Charles Connor, Oct. 13, of the Grace Brethren Church, Mt. Laurel, N.J., married in the bride’s home.

Elaine Reiste and Ronald Shelley, Nov. 2, First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa.

Lori Prentice and John Luedy, Jr., Nov. 16, Southview Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio.

Barbara Whited and Kenneth Slenker, Nov. 28, Grace Brethren Church, York, Pa. The bride is the daughter of Rev. Robert D. Whited, pastor of the church.

Margaret Leviner and Rick Wilson, Dec. 6, Grace Brethren Church, Anderson, S.C.

Janie Bate and Larry Killduff, Dec. 14, Grace Brethren Church, Beaverton, Oreg.

Betsy Ellsworth and Carl Greiner, Dec. 15, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.

Sheryl Kauffman and Ronald Stohler, Dec. 21, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.

Judith Miller and Thomas White, Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.

Betty Gorman and David Hunt, Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.

Gwendolyn Howie and Larry Hunt, Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.

Ruth Smeed and David Dixon, Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.



REFLECTING GOD'S BLESSING THROUGH SUFFICIENCY



Some of the "brothers" do last minute cramming for a big English test with "sister" Mensinger at Bangui.

Fourth of a series on the 1974-75 "Birthday Missionaries" —

Just Call Me "Sister"

By Carol Mensinger
Missionary to Africa

If someone were to ask me what I have enjoyed being most in life, I would have to answer, "Being a sister." Like most children of large families, my recollections of being a sister involve frequent conflicts. But along with the "brotherly shove" there was also the "brotherly (and sisterly) love." No doubt the childhood practice of teaching each other things we learned at school had a great influence in preparing the way for me to become a teacher. I have never lost the excitement of learning new things nor have I lost the joy of sharing new ideas with others.

I remember the first time I was confronted with the choice of a lifetime occupation. In ninth grade English we each had to write a theme entitled, "My Ambition." At this stage of my life I had a horrible tendency of being a "brownie," which resulted in my choosing an "ambition" to be an English teacher. My secret ambition, as I listed all the glories of teaching English, was actually to get an "A" on the theme.

Little did I dream that one day the Lord would lead in my life in such a way that I would become just that—an English teacher. But instead of teaching American high schoolers how to speak and write without grammatical

errors, here I am in the heart of Africa, explaining in French how one must pronounce English properly, and learning new rules of grammar that we have never heard of in America.

As an English teacher at the James Gribble High School and the School of Theology, it is my privilege to be teaching one of the favorite subjects. Normally the Africans are quite gifted at learning languages, and by the time they are, in my classes they already speak three languages fluently: their tribal language, their national language—Sango, and the official language—French. Learning English can open to them the possibility of reading the wealth of Christian literature which exists in our language. Since math is actually my teaching major, I usually teach at least one math class as well. But, unfortunately, math is much lower on the popularity chart.

So what does all this have to do with being a sister? It was the realization that our African brethren are really my brothers in Christ that prompted me to respond to the call for workers in that land. Education has been a rich and wonderful experience for me, making possible not only

a rewarding life in the social sense, but giving me a much greater comprehension of the greatness and wonder of God and His Son, Jesus Christ—my Creator and Saviour. It seemed that as a teacher I could contribute to these brothers and sisters in Africa the possibility of a richer, more meaningful life. And the contribution that we as Christian teachers are able to make toward the social and spiritual development of our students is even greater than I had anticipated.

Until this year my activities at Yaloke were pretty much limited to working with the "brothers." But with increased involvement in the local girls work, coupled with the admission of three girl students to our high school, it looks as if some of my time may be consecrated for my "sisters" as well. I do not understand why so many of the African girls do not seem to care about studying or even about learning to read and write. But it makes all the more special those girls who do have a thirst for knowledge and who diligently apply themselves to study not only the three R's, but the Word of God as well. It is a special joy to have a young pastor's wife in our School of Theology this year. Special not just because she is one of the rare ones who loves to learn, but special because her husband considers her spiritual life important enough to desire for her the same training he received.

This summer during a week of special girls classes, the prayer of one of our African pastors impressed me. At the time of closing prayer the pastors asked Margaret Hull and me to join them in a circle at the front of the church. While we all joined hands he prayed the words of Jesus, "Whoever does my work and the work of my Father is my brother, and sister, and mother." What an exciting thought to be considered a sister of our Lord as we try to faithfully serve Him! What a joy to be part of the family of God!

(WMC editor's note: Miss Mensinger, a native of Michigan, was graduated from Grace College and taught high school math for three years. Then, feeling that the Lord wanted her in missionary service, she studied at and was graduated from Grace Theological Seminary, and studied French for two years in France and Switzerland. Carol has been on the field in the Central African Republic since 1971, and serves at Yaloke, the place where her brother Eddie is stationed also.)

The Man Who Attended a Women's Prayer Meeting

By Dr. Floyd W. Taber

The man was a missionary. Missionaries are looking everywhere for someone with whom to pray. It is better to pray with a group of women than not to pray with anybody.

But this particular missionary may have been surprised to learn that it was a women's prayer meeting. It may have just been announced as a prayer meeting, and only women came. That can happen.

In any case we know that he had often prayed like this: "God, I thank Thee that I am not a heathen, nor a slave, nor a woman."

So he may have been somewhat surprised at himself to find that he was attending a women's prayer meeting. But he was nonetheless sure in his own mind that the Lord had led him there.

He had tried to go into two different mission fields and had been led to see that it was not the Lord's will. Then he had seen a vision calling him to this particular field. When he arrived, he found the only place open to him to begin his mission work was a women's prayer meeting.

The fact that women were meeting to pray, even without knowing the Lord, was an indication that the Lord had been preparing the way before him. And according to the report, it seems that in the very first prayer meeting he had a convert—a wealthy business-woman.

What a way to start an indigenous church, with a woman as the first convert!

The second person the report tells about being freed from the power of Satan in this new mission field was a girl—a fortune teller.

Now I imagine this missionary felt the same about the situation as you and I would. This pulpit at the open air riverside where women met for prayer was inadequate for reaching the population. So he got himself a second pulpit by contriving to get put in jail, and twice refusing to leave when he had the opportunity. (There is more than one way to get the Gospel out.) Well, at his first jail meeting he won convert number three—a real he-man. He was a tough guy, a prison warden, a Roman soldier for whom life was cheap, and who was just as ready to take his own life as the other fellow's.

So the church at Philippi was off to a flying start.

In the Epistle to the Philippians we see these two kinds of converts. There were real men in that church—one was Epaphroditus, who delivered their offering to Paul at the risk of his own life. There were also women whom Paul considered as fellow laborers in the Gospel.

There were problems in that church. And as I read the epistle, it is my hunch that it was the women who were the root cause of most of the problems.

But Paul did not write, "Clamp down on those women." He wrote, "*Help* those women," so that they might be more effective fellow laborers in the Gospel.

Is it too big a stretch of the imagination to suppose that the openhearted hospitality may have continued to express itself in the fact that the church at Philippi was the only one that communicated with Paul concerning giving and receiving? Even if Lydia went back home to Thyatira, her spirit lived on in the women of Philippi.

This is just a little glimpse of the fruits of the ministry of a Pharisee who had become humble enough to begin his work in a new mission field at a women's prayer meeting.

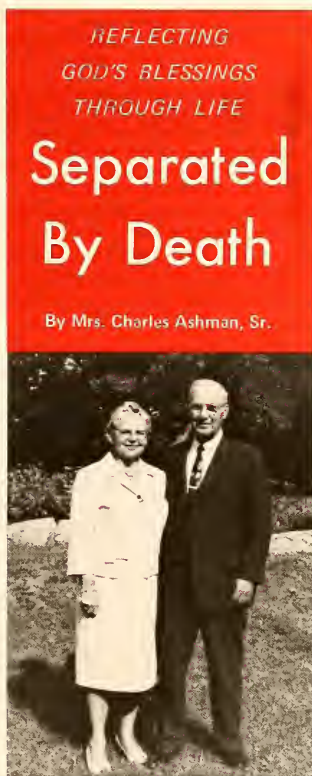


My husband and I shared a wonderful life verse—Romans 8:28: “And we know that *all things* work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.” This verse along with many others are gems that sparkle and glow on dark backgrounds, even the darkness of death.

After the 1967 national conference, we had started for the Canadian Fair. My sister, Mary Miller, was with us and we were having a good time of rest and relaxation. The second day of our trip we were in Watertown, New York, not far from the Canadian border and had stopped at noon to eat dinner in a Howard Johnson Restaurant. Right after we had ordered our meal, Dr. Ashman had a heart attack. Without even a sound or look of anguish or pain, the Lord took him home to glory. It was a time of sorrow and shock, and it was the hardest test of my life. Losing one's mate is like losing a part of one's self. In reflecting back on all that happened, I am sure that my Lord makes no mistakes. Therefore, though difficult to understand, we know that God's way is always best. Out of this experience have come blessings as well as sorrows.

There is the blessing of the marvelous promises in God's Word. I realized as never before from I Thessalonians 4:13 that, “. . . we sorrow not, even as others which have no hope,” for we shall see our loved ones again. After returning home I read the Book of Psalms and then reread it. I was amazed at the number of times we are admonished to “trust the Lord” and to “praise Him,” even in adverse circumstances.

There was also the blessing and privilege of sharing in the ministry



Dr. and Mrs. Charles Ashman, Sr., in 1966

with my husband. He loved the Lord and the Brethren Church. There were many joys and some heartaches in the 23 years of this united service for Him.

Another blessing is that of the love and care shown by loved ones, friends, and even strangers. I am thinking of the three sons and grandson who drove

all night to be with us in our time of need, and how thankful I was that my sister was with me. I also remember the manager of the Howard Johnson Restaurant. He followed us to the hospital, waited and took us back. He had a room ready for our use in the motel, and helped us move in. The next morning he paid the bill for our breakfast—all six of us. We witnessed to him and also to the waitresses who had been so kind and helpful. The letters and cards of so many friends touched my heart as they gave words of comfort and reminded me of God's sustaining care and love.

The blessing of continuing to serve the Lord in the Montclair church was a real help to me. During that time of adjustment it made me think of others instead of myself. Sometimes the Lord permits certain tests to come into our lives so that, in witnessing to others, we may comfort them as God has comforted us—I Corinthians 1:4.

There is always the blessing of the marvelous way the Lord leads, guides and works out not only the big things in our lives, but every little detail. This was so true in the following situations: relearning to drive—especially on the freeways, guidance in taking over many business affairs, selling the home in West Covina and buying an apartment in Leisure World near my sister, the Polmans and the Seal Beach Brethren Church, making many new friends, and opportunities of witnessing to senior citizens.

I do praise the Lord for all of these blessings, and for the many answers to prayer. The hurt and loneliness will always remain, but so will the truth that HE is more than able to supply every need and give comfort and joy.



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Christ . . . Results of our visitation program were evident when a neighbor lady trusted Christ . . . We could reflect blessings for every brick of our new building and still run out of bricks long before we ran out of God's blessings!—*Coolville, Ohio*

Fall Rally at Rittman . . . Projects reported were refurbishing church kitchens . . . nursery curtains . . . supplying meals for families of women who were hospitalized or where there was a death in the family . . . missionary chest shower and luncheon for missionaries at the beginning of a Missions Conference.—*Northeastern Ohio District*

Mini-Maxi Memo

A Maxi Mom was something new!
With a Mini Daughter what would I do?
I'd pray for my Mini each busy day
That God would protect her and guide her way.
A gift now and then would remind her I cared;
Was ready to listen if she wanted to share.
A thoughtful daughter she was to me
With thank-yous and flowers and poetry.
A Maxi Mom with a Mini Daughter —
Dear WMC Lady you really "otter"!

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THE SWITCHBOARD

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director; James Long, assistant to the director.

The first of three monthly vignettes on family ministry

Christian Education Department

SWITCHBOARD
FEATURE

Home



is for Leftovers

By James Long
Assistant to the Director

Called to a ministry of servant-style concern for people . . . that's the stuff that Christianity is really made of. Concern for people. There really is a certain gratifying glamour to the whole show, having the uninitiated—and if you're really swift, even the involved—cheer your holiness. Ministry. We may wonder how much of our balsa wood effort will be whittled away as the Lord looks for Holy Spirit fiber. Ministry. And home is for leftovers . . . but with our gluttonous church organizational structures there may not be any.

We've served the Lord. But what have we served Him? If we're feeding our families the leftovers of an impossibly busy schedule, the emaciated skeleton of a patient spirit and the exhausted hollow shell of a ministry to everyone but them, maybe we're feeding the Lord leftovers, too.

God's Interests Are Inseparably Locked-in to People-centered Ministry

Respecting people as objects of God's loving-concern must begin at home. People are not subhuman just because our post-modern culture presses us into molds of plastic dignity and wraps us in cellophane concern. God's interests are inseparably locked-in to people. Jesus became one. And then He demonstrated what it meant to give to people until your muscles ache and your head throbs and your life ebbs away. Ministry in the Jesus-mold demands that brand of active interest in others. It's not exactly that we are a nobody. Rather we regard *everyone else* as somebody . . . including the family pest that you wish

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The most effective "daily devotions" are those that are ministered along with daily devotion. To the Lord first. But don't forget the family. A page a day won't keep the devil away—especially if he's being invited by a life-style that has time for everything except deep, sharing-caring relationships. And that kind of relationship may lead you to more than a page.

HOME IS FOR . . .

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would act like an adult—even though he's only seven.

Inconsistency in the Home Can Critically Invalidate Our Ministry

Is the home for leftovers? Why does it seem to be easier to spend ourselves on others and then hurt the ones we are closest to? Check out the Gospels. Note that when Christ was the most fatigued, He still had a reserve of patient concern for the Twelve. Christ's own ministry would have been invalidated in their minds had He taught them all day about caring for people and then shunned their questions or crabbied at Judas just because He was so tired. Our families are looking to us for the same consistent concern. It really amounts to a question of priorities. Christ placed priority on His in-group. It was *through* them that there was the potential of reproducing His ministry. It was *to* them that He had the opportunity to express most eloquently what He was really like. They knew Him. Your family knows you.

Effective Ministry Is Married to God's Word and Cannot Be "Put Asunder"

But it must happen in the home. Do not minimize the importance of being spiritual *there* . . . spiritual with a true spirituality. Put away your papiermache halo. Look at your loved ones face to face, not always over the top of "Daily Devotions." Be real. Genuine. Care. Take time. Spirituality in the home is not to be gauged by a certain "far-away-look" in your eyes.

A home is not Christian because the walls are plastered with trite-but-true sayings. Your godliness does not consist of your ability to always turn up looking holy. Are you like Jesus? Not like the medieval paintings . . . wings on your feet, angels on your shoulders and light in your eyes . . . but like the Biblical picture of a man who cared and loved and bled because He was a servant in God's family. Have you shown your family that it's fun to serve Jesus? More than leftovers. ☞

DISCUSS THIS VIGNETTE WITH YOUR SPOUSE

1. To what extent do you serve ministry-leftovers to the family?
2. When it is necessary to put other things ahead of the family, do they feel like it is a joint decision?
3. What are some practical ways to make the family feel like ministry is a family affair? (Whether that ministry is teaching a Sunday School class, leading a youth group or pastoring a church.)
4. What are the values of placing a big priority on the home? What are the dangers of letting that priority slip?
5. Devotions can be an important part of family ministry. Is there something more important? What is it? How can you communicate to one another as a family the heart of spirituality?

Deluxe Campus Facilities Rented for Youth Conference

One thousand persons are expected to gather on one of the most beautiful college campuses in Indiana for Brethren National Youth Conference this August.

The rapture theme, "Up, Up and Away," will be carried throughout the week of August 2-9. St. Mary's College in Notre Dame (South Bend), Indiana, has been rented for the week. This beautiful wooded campus is surrounded by the St. Joseph River. It includes a man-made lake and is less than a mile from the Turnpike. The increasing numbers have forced the conference to expand to this campus which is only one hour from Winona Lake, Indiana.

The facilities of the youth conference will be most deluxe with beautiful buildings, two spacious air-conditioned auditoriums, and a new dining facility with an excellent food service. Tennis courts, a golf driving range, olympic-size swimming pool and nature trails are all a part of the campus.

The exciting week will include times of participation for those in national achievement competition, Bible quizzing, a full recreational program, opportunities to meet pastors, missionaries and other Brethren teens. A key

By Ed Lewis
Director of Youth Ministries

aspect of the week is the evening challenge hours featuring great singing, the youth conference choir and band, and messages on the timely rapture theme, "Up, Up and Away."

Speakers for the conference are men who are vitally interested in youth of today—Pastor James Custer and Pastor J. Hudson (Sonny) Thayer. Both are excellent communicators. Sonny will be sharing insights each morning to help youth find practical solutions for problems. The evening meetings will include relevant and dynamic messages by Jim Custer.

The primary purpose of Brethren National Youth Conference is to bring teens to a closer walk with the Lord through an introspection on their lives brought about by a spiritual atmosphere, Biblical challenges, and the ministry level of the staff.

The cost of the youth conference will be kept to \$80. This price includes all room, board, insurance, campus fees and program for the entire week of the youth conference. Why not see that your church encourages teens to attend this national Brethren gathering this summer?

**PhD. Program Instituted at
National Youth Conference**

Attention collegiates! There will be a new PhD. program added to the Brethren National Youth Conference. It's the Post-high Division. Numerous requests have come from young adults who are college-age and would like to attend the sessions of the conference. Because of this, special housing, programming and activities will be planned for the PhD.

**Seminar in Structures in
Youth Ministry**

All new seminars in youth ministry are being planned for this year. The Christian Education Department is presently working with Christian publishers and Christian educators to formulate seminars in "Structures of Youth Ministry." The goal will be to have a renewal of the Brethren A.C.T. (Active Christian Teens) programs. There will be sessions for workers, teachers, and sponsors of youth. More information will come later. One pilot program will be held this spring with the remaining seminars being centered on fall dates.

**Vocational Christian
Ministries Seminars**

A seminar for youth and students prayerfully considering the possibility of entering vocational Christian service will be held on Friday and Saturday morning, August 1 and 2. Scheduled for the Grace College campus, this will be not only open to BSLV members but others who would be interested in investigating these opportunities.

The vocational seminar will include meetings with Brethren missionaries and pastors. Those attending will pray and talk with those in vocational Christian service. Bible study, getting

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NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK IS ALMOST HERE

Brethren National Youth Week is being celebrated in many Brethren churches this month. February 9-16 is this special time set aside to encourage the young people of our churches. Free bulletins and ideas have been provided by the Christian Education Department to use in conjunction with this week.

A number of churches will also enter the National Scrapbook Contest used in connection with the theme "Showing We Care." Those entering the contest must have their scrapbooks sent to our office and postmarked no later than March 15. First- and second-place prizes will include \$25 and \$10, respectively.

acquainted opportunities, panel discussions, and studies related to discovering God's will for our lives will be some of the features of the seminar.

Grace High School Day Prior to National Youth Conference

Grace College will sponsor a high school day on the opening morning of Brethren National Youth Conference. The morning will include opportuni-

ties for any teens to tour the campus, learn about the college programs, and meet some of the college professors.

National Youth Conference delegates desiring to attend the Grace College high school day program can meet at Winona Lake on Saturday morning, August 2, at 9:00 a.m. Transportation by commercial bus lines will be available to transport students and luggage from the Grace campus to St. Mary's College on Saturday afternoon for a minimal \$3.00 charge. Students will arrive in Notre Dame in plenty of time for conference registration.

Youth Conference Counselors to Receive Special Training

Those receiving appointment as Brethren National Youth Conference counselors will receive special training through a two-day seminar in Christian youth counseling. This will be held on the St. Mary's College campus on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning of August 1 and 2. The seminar will give opportunity for adults to hear guest speakers share insights into youth ministry. Opportunities will be given for interaction and questions. Books, notes, and informal social gatherings will be included in the seminar program.

Approved counselors do not pay the regular youth conference fee, but this year will be asked to provide a \$35.00 counselor fee. This will include books, materials and extra costs of the seminar as well as offsetting in part the higher cost of using a much larger, more deluxe campus. Local churches will be encouraged to underwrite the counselor fee as an investment in a ministry to their youth.

The beautiful campus of St. Mary's College in South Bend, Ind.



CHRISTIAN SCHOOL CORRECTION

In the January 1 issue of the *Herald*, Grace Christian School operated by Myerstown Grace Brethren Church was inadvertently omitted from the Christian School Directory. The school opened its doors for the first time last September (1974) with an enrollment of 73 in grades kindergarten through fourth. Mr. Boyd Grove, the school administrator, is assisted by five full-time staff members and one part-time staff member. Projected enrollment for the 1975-76 school year is 100, with the addition of a fifth grade class to the school. Rev. Luke Kauffman is pastor of the founding church, Myerstown Grace Brethren, Myerstown, Pennsylvania.

A program to help students considering vocational Christian service.



Brethren Student Life Volunteers Write On

Excerpts from actual letters from Brethren youth compiled by Ed Lewis, director of youth ministries.

"Please pray for me as I am making some serious decisions concerning my future. I am not sure what the Lord wants for my life right now, but I'm willing to let Christ help me and make me what He wants me to be."

"I just want to express appreciation for all the Christian Education Department does for all involved in BSLV—all the newsletters, publications, books, and study guides. It is just a beautiful ministry. Thank you for the concern and help for and in my Christian walk. P.S. Thank you for the beautiful birthday card."

"Please send me book 8 in the 'Studies in Christian Living.' It's been so exciting for me to learn to search the Scriptures on my own."

"... and to mention that little booklet again, I hope that each BSLV member got as much out of it as I did. Thanks so much for your letters of encouragement and the helps you send along."

"I just would like to express my appreciation for the work of Brethren Student Life Volunteers."

"It is very encouraging to realize that there is an organi-

zation in our Brethren Fellowship which is interested in the youth of our churches.

"The book that you sent me was very enjoyable, Meet the Man from Nazareth. It has answered some questions that were on my mind."

"Also, I would like to inquire if the Christian Education Department has a systematic memorization plan of learning Scripture . . ."

"God is working in very bold ways at our school. There's no doubt that He is setting the stage for a huge spiritual war there. I would appreciate your fervent prayers. I know of six Christians out of the 600 kids at school, three of whom are a matter of weeks old. We have a Bible study . . ."

"I'm sending that information card that you sent. I hope you will continue praying for me as I try to reach my goal and God's will for me to go to Africa."

"I worked on the devotion book you sent me and finished it yesterday. I really like it. Now my devotions don't go through one ear and out the other."

"I also enjoy reading about our missionaries. I always pray for them."

"The BSLV meeting at conference was a big highlight for my week to see where I was slipping up. I was really encouraged by it and hope there is always a meeting like this at conference."

"First of all, I want to thank you for the Ac'cent and what it means to me. I thought it was really interesting how the missionaries answered the questions put to them. After reading the article, my 'burden' for our missionaries continued to grow . . . It seems unbelievable that these few missionaries are responsible for so many things."

"I also want to thank you so much and the people who are praying for me, for I know without their faithfulness to God in praying for me—I'd never have made it."

"The other night some Brethren missionaries were at our church. I enjoyed them more than ever before. For quite awhile I have thought God was calling me to a mission field, but I wasn't sure where. That night I was even more sure. I was wondering if you could send me some information about the mission opportunities or openings. . . ."

"I was very glad to find out that I will be receiving letters from the different missionaries because I want to be a missionary myself some day if God continues to lead in that direction, and I think He will. God has really been blessing me this year—and BSLV has had a big part in it. It always seems that whenever I need a bit of encouragement my letter from BSLV arrives that day."

Note: Thanks to the Brethren Missionary Herald Company for supplying most of the free books and literature for the 251 students in the BSLV program. Much appreciation goes to the National WMC and National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men for selecting prayer partners for all these club members who are considering the possibility of serving Christ in a vocational Christian ministry. If interested in Brethren Student Life Volunteers, please write to Ed Lewis, Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

NEWS AND VIEWS

PSA INSIGHT

A National Fellowship of Brethren Churches Sunday School Report

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

of all reporting Sunday Schools* December 1973—155
 December 1974—151

GROWTH INDEX BASED ON 177 REPORTING CHURCHES

December 1973 weekly average attendance 26,912
 December 1974 weekly average attendance 26,809
 NET LOSS in reporting churches 103 persons or down .3 percent

SUMMARY

77 churches registered increases totaling 1,983
 98 churches registered losses totaling 2,086
 Largest numerical increase Columbus, Ohio—Worthington
 Largest percentage increase Columbus, Ohio—Eastside

* The larger the number of reporting churches, the more accurately these figures will represent the church growth picture of the NFBC. We urge the total support of the churches of the NFBC in this computer-evaluated church growth analysis which is provided free of charge to churches of the Fellowship by the Christian Education Department.

DIVISION WINNERS — DECEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST

<u>Div.</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Superintendent</u>
A	Columbus, Ohio	James Custer	Donald Garlock
B	No one qualified		
C	Warsaw, Ind.	David Miller	Donald DeYoung
D	Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	Don Rough	Leroy Spangler
E	Lexington, Ohio	C. Dean Risser	W. H. Kornhaus
F	Union, Ohio	Ron Picard	Don Blakely
G	Cumberland, Md.	Michael Funderburg	Donald Bulger
H	Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	Marvin Lowery	Gail Howie
I	Columbus, Ohio (Eastside)	Richard Sellers	Nick Jacobs
J	Akron, Ohio (Fairlawn)	James Kennedy	-----
N	No one qualified		

RECORD ATTENDANCES—Bethlehem, Pa.—62; Telford, Pa.—270; Lexington, Ohio—262; Colorado Springs, Colo.—161; Lititz, Pa.—234.

SEMINAR IN CHRISTIAN HOME AND FAMILY

The 1975 Christian Education Convention in Winona Lake, Indiana, will feature a Christian Home and Family theme, with special interest workshops for husbands, wives, parents and pastors.

The convention, held annually under the sponsorship of the Christian Education Department, will convene on Friday, August 1, preceding national conference. The concluding session, Sunday morning, August 3, will feature keynote speaker, Dr. Kenneth Gangel, president of Miami Christian College in Florida.

Musical ministries for the entire convention will be under the capable direction of Bob and Nancy Messner.

Watch future issues of the "Switchboard" section of the *Herald* for a complete list of outstanding speakers and workshop leaders.

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A panel of experts discuss . . .

Discipline in the Home

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Address your letter to the editor, Rev. Charles W. Turner, Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. All letters must be signed, although names will not be used in the magazine.

Dear Editor,

The boy in the picture with the bear is my brother, Rev. W. H. Schaffer. The picture was taken at Central Park in Allentown, Pa. Bill was five years old at the time. Our father had the popcorn concession at the park for many years.—Mrs. Helen Flowers, Allentown, Pennsylvania

Mrs. Flowers is right. However, her an-

swer was not the first correct one sent to us. Thanks to all who contributed their opinions and comments. Maybe you have a picture of a well-known Brethren to help us search our memories for their identity.—CWT

Dear Editor,

I was just reading your editorial, "How High Do You Pitch It?" in the August 17, 1974, issue of the *Herald*,

and was challenged again by the "strike zone" of communication. Thanks, brother.—Pennsylvania

Dear Editor,

So you are holding at 39. Just don't eat too much of that cake or I'll tell your wife not to bake any more. May the Lord bless you. "Reflections By Still Waters" is the first article I read.—Ohio

Thanks to all for the nice birthday greetings.—CWT

Dear Editor,

We continue to enjoy your editorials. Both of us had a good laugh at the one about the editor delivering the papers. We were probably only one family of many who could identify with you graphically.—Washington

Now They're
Changing the
Mission Hymns!



Where's Sri Lanka?

By Charles W. Turner
Editor

Oh, for the good old days when life was not so complicated! Not that I am aging too rapidly, but to gracefully accept change is getting more difficult every year. They took away the rumble seat and removed the running board on the automobile. These were not problems to me because I was just a young child at the time, and change was not hard to accept. They put pictures on the front of a radio and called it television, and I am still trying to figure out if this was good or bad. Then they removed the propeller from the airplane and called it a jet. This I called a step forward. But now they are changing the names of the countries so fast I can't even sing one of my favorite missionary hymns and feel at peace.

Remember "From Greenlands Icy Mountains"? It is a beautiful hymn of missionary challenge and world vision. I always loved it for the sentiment of its words . . .

From Greenland's icy mountains,
From India's coral strand;
Where Afric's sunny fountains
Roll down their golden sand:
From many an ancient river,
From many a palmy plain,
They call us to deliver
Their land from error's chain.

What tho the spicy breezes

Blow soft o'er *Sri Lanka's* isle . . .

"Sri Lanka"? They used to sing "o'er Ceylon's isle" . . . now they have

changed the name, and I am told I must bring myself into the twentieth century.

If my geography teacher were to return to her classroom, it would take the students weeks to reeducate the poor lady. For example, they do not call it "geography" anymore—my son says it is "social studies." Also the map has been rewritten, and they just do not call places by the same names in our modern day. So progress moves forward. But it is tough on a fellow who has trouble keeping in tune to be faced with the added problem of remembering the updated names in the missionary hymns. All of this happened about the time I had learned to say the words forward and backward of the old hymns of several hundred years ago. It has been said, "Time and tide wait for no man," and I am no exception. So with practice I will learn to say Sri Lanka instead of Ceylon and yet not lose my missionary vision.

Adjustment to change can be dangerous if we tend to accept it without question. Often we Christians become victims of sin just by saying and doing things that everyone else is saying and doing. Because something is new and accepted does not mean it is right, or moral, or in line with God's will. Young people are not the only ones

who succumb to the pressures of conforming to the mold of the people with whom they associate. Adults tend to do the same thing because it is easier when under pressure to be molded than it is to retain one's shape.

Paul, many years ago, warned the Roman Christians to watch out because the world sought to press them into its mold. His advice and instruction called for consecration to God evidenced by a Christlike character and actions. So worldly influence for change is nothing new, it only reappears in different clothing.

To resist change because it is change—can be a problem. "We never did it that way" is the battle cry to those who find security in sameness, and who are not willing to change or accept in faith a new venture for God. Without doubt it requires a great deal of wisdom to know when to approve change and when to reject it. There is need for an alertness to truth and an awareness of proper leading.

The next time I pick up my hymnal and begin to feel sorry that beautiful Ceylon is no longer with us, I will also be reminded that changes come and go, but the people of Ceylon (or Sri Lanka) still need the light. Someone may have changed the *name*, but they did not change the *need* of the people. I can adjust to a few name changes as long as the name of Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. ☞



ARMAGH, PA.

THE BUS BRANCH

By Pastor David R. Plaster

How does a new church begin? Certainly every church has its own unique story. Looking back over the past few months it has been exciting to see the guiding hand of the Lord as He continues to build His Church through the founding of a new local testimony the Valley Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, Pennsylvania.

The very first step took place in the form of a conversation between two electricians in the steel mill. George

Toth was excited about what the Lord was doing in his church, the Riverside Brethren Church of Johnstown, and was willing to share his testimony with a fellow worker. After leaving a liberal denomination, Stan Moore was searching for a Bible-teaching church home for his family. The Lord used the testimony of one conversation to begin a series of events which culminated in the founding of a new Brethren church. The application of that point

should be obvious to all of us!

In coming to their first service at Riverside, the Moores brought with them another family who was also seeking a church home where the Bible was preached—the Gary Stiles. The very first service they attended turned out to be a threefold communion service. These families came again and again. In the weeks to come they were to become members of the Riverside Brethren Church.

The testimony did not stop here, however. These families began to reach others in their own community of Seward. In October of 1973 their cars could no longer hold the others who were coming. The minibus which they rented on their own was at double-capacity in two weeks. Thus, every Sunday a 60-passenger bus began running from Seward to Johnstown. This was the beginning of the bus ministry which now involves two churches and seven bus routes.

With the growth in numbers Pastor Don Rough and Les Chamberlain of Riverside began holding a weekly Bible study in Seward. Three different homes were used to hold classes for four different age groups every Thursday evening. Meanwhile the bus ministry was beginning to bear more fruit. With visitation came new contacts. These new contacts were followed up with the GROW program from Riverside with the result of many decisions. With the encouragement and support of the Riverside Brethren Church the group began to grow.

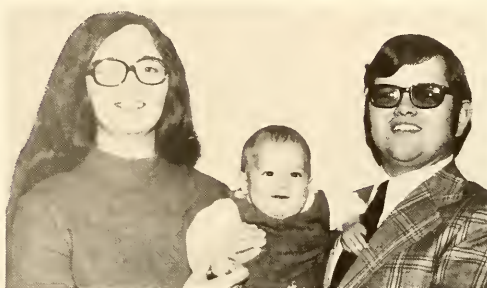
By early 1974 the bus was running at capacity—and beyond. At this point a decision had to be reached. Either the bus ministry in the area should be expanded or a Brethren church should be established in the Seward area. The men at the center of this work approached the church council at Riverside for their approval of a branch church. Plans were laid to organize such a church as soon as a full-time pastor could be found for the work.

In February David Plaster, who was

finishing his last semester at Grace Seminary, agreed to candidate. Palm Sunday witnessed a unique situation with one man candidating from the pulpit of another church! After preaching at Riverside Brethren Church in the morning, there was a special carry-in dinner that evening at the Armagh firehall for the group who would compose the membership of the

new church. Pastor Plaster accepted the unanimous call of the group. All of these steps had been taken on faith believing that this was the Lord's will and that He would provide. This group was willing to carry the entire financial burden of the new church if that was necessary to establish a Bible-teaching church in their community.

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Pastor and
Mrs. David
Plaster



The Grange Hall
where the Armagh
church meets.

THE BUS BRANCH

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On May 5, 1974, the Valley Grace Brethren Church was organized with a membership of 30. The month of May was spent under the direction of the mother church. Morning services began with Pastor Rough preaching before returning to his own services at Riverside. Sunday School followed. After serving for some weeks as assistant teachers at Riverside an entire Sunday School staff was in operation the first Sunday. Now the bus began to run a local route.



Meanwhile the Riverside Brethren Church continues to face a problem: "Where can we get more space?" Releasing 60 people to start a branch church did not alleviate that problem. It has just been a little over a year since the church dedicated its new addition. But due to the vision of the people through GROW and the bus ministry, the church continues to move forward. Recently it voted unanimously to call Jack Peters, Jr., as Christian Education Director. He began his ministry in January.

All of that activity took place simultaneously with the growth of the new branch church. Dave and Ginny Plaster arrived on the field in the first week of June. The East District Mission Board at District Conference had undertaken to contribute to the salary of the new pastor. With this valuable financial help and prayer support the new work began to take root. The summer was a time of organization and consolidation. The Armagh fire-hall had become too small, and larger facilities were rented from the William



Penn Grange. July 5 was a special day as the first new baby of the new church made his appearance—Andrew David Plaster.

Since the church began as a result of the outreach of a bus ministry coupled with the GROW program it has continued such a ministry. Currently, after six months of existence, there are two bus routes with a com-

bined total of over 70 riders weekly. Attendances have climbed over the 100 mark for both Sunday School and morning worship services. The bus ministry has continued to feed the growth of the church with decisions for salvation and entire new families coming into the work.

Now an even greater challenge lies ahead. Having already outgrown the

Something Marvelous Happened

... at the Riverside Brethren Church, "Mother" of the new work in Armagh.

The Riverside Brethren Church was the result of outgrowth of the faith and missionary zeal of a group of laymen from the First Brethren Church in Johnstown—laymen with a vision! One of these men mortgaged his own home in order for the church to purchase a house for their meeting place. Rev. Ralph Hall was their first pastor.

Throughout the next years the church experienced growth and blessings along with some heartaches. At the end of a particularly difficult period I was called as pastor of a few faithful folks.

The Lord blessed, the church grew, and souls were saved. Our church giving went from a few dollars to many. By faith we voted to support a full-time missionary from our church, Gail Jones. We feel very privileged to have her as our own missionary to Africa.

We experienced many blessings and victories. However, as the years went by we always seemed to reach a peak in our attendance, only to see it drop back to the same figure again and again. We finally realized the Lord was telling us to move out by faith and build an addition to make room for the people He would send to us. So in October of 1973 a beautiful enlarged sanctuary and new Sunday School addition were dedicated to the Lord. He rewarded our faith and sent new folks.

By Pastor Don Rough

Something marvelous happened at the end of 1972. We were introduced to the GROW 73 Program—a training program for soul winners. Here was something tangible—a method of reaching the lost. This was just what we all needed!

We prayed and the Lord heard. Folks responded to the plea for workers to be trained and then sent out. Many were afraid as they witnessed to their first soul, but soon they experienced great joy as one by one they saw people responding to the Gospel and being saved. New classes were started and soon the trainees were trainers.

Our bus ministry began with the folks from the Seward-Armagh area. They were coming such a great dis-

tance to hear the Word of God proclaimed. We realized anew how many were hungry for the Word and needed the Lord. Enthusiasm spread concerning the bus ministry.

The Lord has blessed abundantly with five bus routes in operation and many dedicated, faithful bus captains, drivers and workers. How we praise the Lord for the many who have been reached through this ministry.

It was hard to see the dear folks from the Seward-Armagh area leave our church, but we rejoice that our daughter church now has a greater opportunity to win the lost in their own neighborhoods to the Lord. "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he" (Prov. 29:18).



Pastor and
Mrs. H. Don Rough

THE BUS BRANCH

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facilities of the grange hall there is a real need for a building program. In order to have the experienced assistance and counsel needed at this vital stage in their development, the Valley Grace Brethren Church has entered the Brethren Home Missions program under an administrative relationship. Land is currently being sought and plans for a building program are underway. With the guidance of Home Missions, and the continued financial sup-

port and encouragement of the East District Mission Board this new church is excited about the prospects for continued growth.

Armagh is located in the center of an area which has been boosted economically by renewed interest in coal production. Huge power generators are located throughout the area. The series of small towns which have grown up around the coal mines dot the countryside. While Armagh itself is a very small community, the combined population of the entire area has rapidly expanded in the past few years. The

series of small towns in a five-mile radius provide a perfect geographical arrangement for a bus ministry. The growing population attracted by the opening of several new mines promises continued growth for the church.

Every church is unique as it adapts to its own local community to reach them for Christ. The Valley Grace Brethren Church is a little difficult to categorize. We are not an "urban" church, nor a "suburban" church, nor even a "rural" church. The prayers and efforts of the people are directed to being a "growing" church!

With God Nothing Is Impossible

*Just ask the people in
Cumberland, Maryland*

By Pastor Michael Funderburg

"There is no way that it can be done. . . ." "Let's keep looking for a more suitable parcel of ground. . . ." "Why not go back and see if . . . will reconsider selling. . . ." So it went for a period of over four years. The price of ground and its limited availability seemed to be insurmountable odds for the new congregation. Then, on August 12, 1973, the congregation at Cumberland, Maryland, broke ground on an "impossible" site. Clearing the ground and preparing it for building was a major undertaking. A crew was called in to take out the trees, but the congregation was left with the stumps, tops and brush. August in Maryland is not a good time for burning brush—even on level land. But where the ground is all hills and ravines the task is next to impossible! The intense heat and smoke of the burning mixed with the heat of the toil wore the men to exhaustion, but their spirits were light: God was in the beginning stages of giving them a much needed building.

A huge D-8 Caterpillar was rented and Charles Ringler, a member of the congregation, spent over 120 hours leveling the land, knocking off the humps and filling the gullies with what fill was available. While this was being done the others were busy wrestling with four foot sections of 30 inch concrete drain tile. Each section weighed about 3/4 of a ton and had to be fit into place to create a 720 foot long storm sewer at the bottom of the ravine.

The basement blocks were laid and on Thanksgiving Day the superstructure of the church building was begun. It seems that the Lord had a very special interest in the project, keeping the weather during the entire winter mild enough so that the work pro-





"It seems the Lord had a very special interest in the project, keeping the weather during the entire winter mild enough so that the work progressed unhindered."

gressed unhindered.

Though there were shortages in our area of fuel, steel and other building materials, not one day was missed waiting for building supplies.

From August until the middle of February the pastor's father, Rev. Earl Funderburg, supervised the building project with many dedicated hours of work. Then, because of other commitments, when it became necessary for him to return to Michigan, the pastor and congregation brought the building to completion.

Over 75 percent of the building was

done with the volunteer labor of the industrious people of the congregation. Some of the men took their vacation time to work on the building. Others came after they got off from their regular jobs and on their days off. Ladies came to paint, clean, and lend their encouragement. It was a regular occurrence for men who had been laid off from their jobs to come to the building and cheerfully take up their tools until they were called back to their regular work. A retired neighbor, Richard Thomas, though not a member of the congregation, teamed

with the workers day by day and helped in numerous ways in the project. When Harry Nealis of the congregation was retired from his regular employment, instead of taking retirement from work he transferred his work to the church building.

What a joy on December 15 to see 199 people come together for the afternoon dedication service. After years of searching, months of planning and still more months of building, one thing became very evident—God is able to work the impossible. He has been faithful each step of the way. We were able to purchase the property at a fraction of its present value. It is located in an ideal spot. Most of the building materials were purchased at a real savings. Through gifts from the congregation and friends, the Lord enabled us

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WITH GOD . . .

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to raise all of the money for the church pews. He created the desire in many friends of the congregation to lend a helping hand. Yes, God's grace has been evident from the beginning to the final stages of building our new church.

Rev. Ralph Hall, who gave much helpful guidance, was the speaker in the morning and evening worship services on dedication day. Rev. Earl Funderburg was the speaker for the dedication service; and Rev. True Hunt, Rev. Robert Burns, Rev. John Lancaster, Rev. Jack Monette and Rev. William Walker (pastor of the Cumberland Bible Church) all partici-

pated in this special service.

Is this now the end? Is the job now done? NO! It is only beginning.

There are over 40,000 people living within a 15-mile radius of the Cumberland Grace Brethren Church. With a building that is easily accessible, attractive and adequate to house a growing congregation, the potential is unlimited. What God *can* do is inestimable; what God *will* do depends on our faithfulness to Him and to His Word. Please pray with us that God, who has worked the impossible in getting a building for the Cumberland Grace Brethren Church, will also work the impossible in giving the church a ministry that will literally get the Gospel to every creature in the Cumberland area.

The first baptismal service in the new church was held December 1. There were 15 (including four couples) who followed the Lord in the waters of baptism. Then on December 29 these 15, with two others who had been baptized earlier, united with the fellowship of the church. On the evening of December 29 over 60 gathered to observe the first threefold communion service in the new building. The Sunday School attendance average in November and December was 117 with 124 in the morning service, 69 in the evening service and 57 in prayer meeting.

God is doing the impossible and blessing in Cumberland, Maryland, through your Home Missions prayers and dollars. ☉

Experiencing that "snowed" feeling over finances?



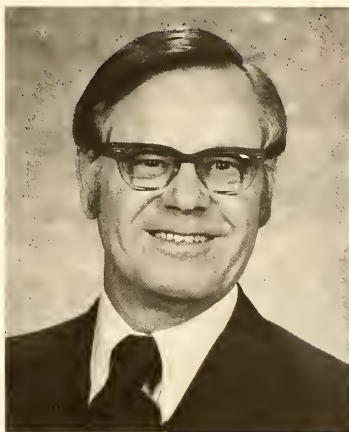
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Rev. Edward Scofield, 52, left a career in engineering to enter the pastorate. He served the Grace Brethren Church of Bowling Green, Ohio, for nearly four years.



Earthly Mission Accomplished

Pastor Edward Scofield suffered a fatal heart attack on December 21, 1974, at Bowling Green, Ohio, while conducting a wedding in his church. Aware of an increasing heart problem, Ed Scofield, age 52, informed us in October that he desired to give his utmost for his beloved ministry at Bowling Green. He continued steadfastly, "faithful unto death" and shall surely be the recipient of a "crown of life" (Rev. 2:10).

"Pastor Ed," as he was so intimately referred to by Bowling Green students, left a brilliant career as an engineer and prepared for the ministry because he wanted to give "the rest of his life to the salvation of souls and the teaching of the Word." In this way, he could make his greatest contribution to mankind. Having been saved during

By Dr. Lester E. Pifer

a Billy Graham telecast, he made his public decision at the newly formed Grace Brethren Bible Class at Columbus. Later, he moved his family to Winona Lake to enter Grace Theological Seminary. He graduated with honors while supporting a growing family.

His ministry at Bowling Green started in the spring of 1971. His presentation of the Word penetrated deeply into the hearts of young and old alike. His tireless efforts at counseling, visitation and outreach were fruitful in building a faithful congregation. In addition to his spiritual ministry, Ed was not beyond scrubbing the floors of the basement when a flood came, or painting his church building, or even shoveling snow off the walks.

His heavenly call came in the midst of a wedding on Saturday afternoon. His Christmas gift—a trip to heaven to enter the presence of his beloved Saviour.

He leaves behind a faithful congregation, his mother, his wife (Jeanette), and three daughters: Mrs. Paul (Jan) Woodruff, Indianapolis, Indiana; Mrs. Terry (Patricia) Lambert, Waterloo, Iowa; and Mrs. Roger (Susan) Krynock, Warsaw, Indiana; as well as five grandchildren. Interestingly, the three daughters and sons-in-law are either already in Christian service or in preparation for the Brethren ministry.

Rev. Paul Woodruff, son-in-law, along with the other two sons-in-law, conducted the funeral in a very meaningful and triumphant Christmas Eve service. Rev. James Custer conducted the committal service at the Bowling Green Cemetery.

Pastor Scofield was a dedicated servant of God, and a tenderhearted man. He was deeply moved with the needs of people, and he gave his best to minister to their needs. In the words of Pastor Custer, "having been given his divine call to the ministry—we are amazed that he finished his task in such a short period of time."



NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

Bellville, Ohio. After serving as pastor of the Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church for 10 years, Rev. Larry Gegner resigned Jan. 8. His new responsibilities will be as pastor of the Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church, Kokomo, Ind., beginning Apr. 1.

Changes. The address of the Grace Brethren Church, Flora, Ind., is now 103 South Willow St. The secretary of the First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va., is Mildred Hartless, 2446 Hawthorne Ave., 24416. The name of the Opportunity Grace Brethren Church, Opportunity, Wash., has been changed to the Spokane Valley Grace Brethren Church. Please change your *Annual*.

Sunnyside, Wash. A crowd of 686 attended the dedication of the new sanctuary of the First Brethren Church, which was designed to seat 600. Dr. Ross Rhoads, pastor and evangelist from Charlotte, N.C., began a four-day series of meetings as dedication speaker.

Guest recitalist for the dedication of the church's new Allen organ and Mason-Hamblin piano was Mr. Paul Mickelson, composer, arranger, and conductor of sacred music.

The original building was demolished last summer to make way for the new sanctuary. An educational unit built in 1962 was left standing and now serves as the main Sunday School facility. John R. Terrell, pastor.

New York (EP)—There are 14,150,000 Jews in the world today, according to the 1974-75 edition of the American Jewish Yearbook. This compares with a figure of 14,370,650 reported last year.

Whereas the United States retains its lead as the country with the largest Jewish population—5,732,000—that total also represents a decline from 6,115,000 in 1973.

Hong Kong (EP)—Freedom to believe or not believe in religion and the right to “propagate atheism” are granted in the new Chinese constitution.

The revised charter enshrines the thought of Mao Tse-Tung, the 81-year-old Communist leader who did not attend the National People's Congress in Peking where the document was adopted.

An English text was released here by Hsinhua, the official Chinese press agency.

Religion is mentioned in Article 28, which says: “Citizens enjoy freedom of speech, correspondence, the press, assembly, association, procession, demonstration and the freedom to strike, and enjoy freedom to believe in religion and freedom not to believe in religion and to propagate atheism.”

The new constitution speaks only of the freedom to “believe in religion.” It says nothing of the rights of religious practices.



Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lichty are the first couple in the Elyria church to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Elyria, Ohio. In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lichty's 50th Wedding Anniversary, a surprise reception was held Dec. 28 at the Grace Brethren Church. Friends and relatives from Ohio and Pennsylvania gathered with their daughter, Mrs. Janet Robertson, to celebrate. Richard Placeway, pastor.

Charleston, W. Va. (EP)—A Baptist pastor and five other persons were indicted here by a federal grand jury (Jan. 17) on charges of conspiring to “damage and destroy” two public school buildings in connection with the West Virginia textbook controversy.

The Rev. Martin Horan, pastor of the Leewood Freewill Baptist Church and a leader of an anti-text group called Concerned Citizens, was charged with conspiring to bomb the Midway Elementary and Valley Grove Elementary Schools, with making a destructive device out of five sticks of dynamite and an electric blasting cap, and with “unlawfully and maliciously damaging and destroying the Midway Elementary School” on Oct. 22.

The other persons named in the indictment, Larry Elmer Stevens, Michael Wayne Bankenship, Jeannie Lynn Stevens, Melvin B. Dickerson, and Debert Lee Rose, were also charged with conspiracy to destroy the Midway school.

Mr. Stevens, Mr. Bankenship, Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Rose were also charged with possession of the device.

Maintaining that the Concerned Citizens group could not “commit or condone” such acts of violence, Mr. Horan declared: “We realize that somebody is responsible for this minor property damage. At the same time, the board of education is responsible for a major disaster—destroying an entire generation of young people.”

Mr. Horan and other textbook protesters have charged that English texts being used in Kanawha County public schools are anti-Christian and anti-American.

Anderson, S.C. Productive use will be made of the five-acre tract of land purchased by the Grace Brethren Church as a future building site. During the coming summer months, families of the church will operate a cooperative vegetable garden on three acres. According to Pastor Marion Thomas, the project "will be used to help needy folks, feed our own families, and prove to this area that we are practical Christian people."

Washington, D.C. (EP)—Enrollment in private and religiously affiliated colleges and universities increased this fall by 3 percent, compared to an increase of 1.3 percent a year earlier, according to a government report.

While the enrollment in publicly supported higher education institutions increased by 6.3 percent this fall, as against 5 percent in 1973, their rate of increase was lower than that of private and church-related institutions, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare indicated.

Overall, the estimated 5.5 percent enrollment increase for public and private institutions marked the second year in a row that a prior decline in annual enrollment growth rates has been reversed. From 1969 to 1972, college enrollment increase had declined from 7.2 percent to 3 percent, the HEW National Center for Education Statistics noted.

Lanham, Md. Rev. Charles Thornton resigned as pastor of the First Brethren Church Jan. 12. He served the church just over six years.

Houston (EP)—An attorney for the Houston bureau of the federal Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) says the abuses he has seen in the church bond market may have been greater than in any other area of the financial securities market.

In an interview, James E. Sims declared that "many times churches issue bonds when they really don't have any business doing so." He urged prospective investors in church bonds to "investigate before you invest."

Mr. Sims, who has been with the SEC for 10 years, noted that bond sales are sometimes "the last resort" for churches that cannot qualify for loans from banks and mortgage companies.

Church bonds present a complex legal problem, he said, because they are exempt from some federal laws, but not exempt from others. Yet, the SEC attorney added, "the church bond market is the least regulated (area) of the securities market."

Under a provision of a 1933 law, church bonds are exempt from the SEC registration required of corporate and municipal bonds. But the antifraud section of that same law provides that all bonds must be sold with "full and complete disclosure" of the financial records of the organization selling the bonds.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Long Beach, Calif. (Community). Feb. 23-28; Ralph Colburn, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

Anderson, S.C. Feb. 26-Mar. 2; Marion Thomas, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker.

Norwalk, Calif. Mar. 2-7; Nickolas Kurtaneck, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

Martinsburg, Pa. Each year the First Brethren Church receives a special "Birthday for Jesus Offering" at Christmas. The 1974 offering amounted to \$8,969.83—the largest ever received. William H. Snell, pastor.

Lake Odessa, Mich. On Feb. 1, Rev. William Stevens began duties as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church. His address is 12591 Darby Rd., Clarksville, Mich. 48815. Please change your *Annual*.

Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. The ministry of Rev. Lee Friesen as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church began Jan. 1. His home address is 1864 Fifteenth St., Cuyahoga Falls, 44221. Please add his name to your *Annual*.

Wedding Bells

A six-months' free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to new subscribers whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

The following weddings were performed at the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Dorothy Lynch and Gerald Button, Sept. 6
Denise Lockett and Stephan Ekdahl, Sept. 14
Elaine Clem and John Emerich, Sept. 20
Esther Jernigan and Mark Egan, Nov. 15
Bonnie Wagner and Elpidio Ramirez, Nov. 23
Janet Pilcher and David Mathis, Nov. 29
Andrea Albright and Gene Roberson, Dec. 7
Sherren Hunner and David Ehrlich, Dec. 20
Janis Wells and Curtis Grinnell, Dec. 21
Linda Mayhew and James Stewart, Dec. 28

In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BESSE, Alice, Jan. 8. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. David Hocking, pastor.
BUSCHLEN, Matilda, 100, Dec. 2. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

COON, Myranna, Jan. 2. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., for 42 years and choir director for 18 years.

DERRICK, Edna, Oct. 25. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

FELLER, Ozella, Dec. 1. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif., for 46 years.

GRAVES, Edna, Jan. 12. She attended the West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio. Robert Holmes, pastor.

JACKSON, Louise, Oct. 6. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

KEITH, David, 83, Dec. 15. He was a member of the First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa. William Snell, pastor.

MORRILL, Bertha, Jan. 4. She was the wife of Curtis Morrill, former Brethren pastor in Harrah, Wash.

RITEHEY, Hazel, 79, Jan. 11. She was a longtime member of the Grace Brethren Church, Hopewell, Pa. Sheldon Snyder, pastor.

A panel of experts discuss . . .

DISCIPLINE IN THE HOME



Grace Schools Editor's Note: The panel discussion from which this article is excerpted took place in a recent Sunday evening service of the Winona Lake Brethren Church, following the showing of a film on the subject of "Discipline in the Home" featuring Dr. Howard Hendricks.

Panel participants include Mrs. Ruth Ann Cone, mother of five and teacher in a Christian junior high school; Mrs. Miriam Pacheco, mother of three and a former public school teacher; Dr. Lloyd Fish, Professor of Psychology at Grace College; Dr. Paul Fink, family conference specialist and Professor of Homiletics and Practical Theology at Grace Theological Seminary; E. Michael Grill, public school psychometrist and Instructor in Psychology at Grace College; and Ed Lewis, director of youth ministries with the Christian Education Department of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Moderator of the panel is Winona Lake Brethren Church's pastor, Charles Ashman, who is also Assistant Professor of Practical Theology at Grace Seminary.

Grill—In considering discipline, I think "Relationships Determine Response" is a key phrase. I absolutely know that's true. In 1 Timothy 3:4-5, Paul gives qualifications for Christian leaders. A Greek and Hebrew scholar friend says "rule" here means "taking the lead in" or setting the example—

being the kind of person my child would delight to respect. I don't think parents spend the time they should with their children. Part of the reason is that they don't consider it as important as Paul does when he is writing to Timothy. This actually is a *prerequisite* for service.

As the pace of life gets faster and faster, it gets more and more difficult to find time to spend with your children. For the Christian, there's an added danger—that of getting so involved in your calling and your Christian service that you relegate your household to playing second fiddle. But Paul says just the opposite—to qualify for your position of Christian leadership, you must be able to command respect in your house and to control it.

Ashman—Is it legitimate to make the statement "never use a bribe or a reward"?

Lewis—A reward is very important in the right kind of situation. In fact, it is a Biblical concept—getting into heaven, crowns of righteousness, and so forth. Rewards are not automatically wrong.

Audience question—Whose responsibility should discipline be?

Fink—Throughout the Bible (Eph. 6 and Deut. 6, for example) the responsibility for disciplining the children is squarely upon the father's

shoulders. He is not the one who is to do it exclusively, but he is the one who is in *charge* of seeing that discipline is exercised. Also stemming from Ephesians 6, this is an area where wives are to be in subjection—that is to “rank under” their husbands. It is devastating when a wife will say to her husband: “Don’t you lay a hand on my baby!” You’ve got all kinds of problems, then!

Cone—An important part of your discipline in the home is your own self-discipline. Be careful that you are never disciplining a child while you are out of control of your own emotions. We often say “God hates the sin but loves the sinner.” I think this carries right over. There must be a clear understanding between you and the child that although you are thoroughly disgusted with the misdemeanor, yet you still love the child very much.

Pacheco—“Consistency” is a key concept, I think. Children need to know what’s expected of them—they *want* to know what we expect of them. They can’t know what is expected unless we are consistent as parents and demand the same response every time to certain instructions. This takes time and it takes energy—two things we seem to run out of all the time.

Ashman—Would members of the panel like to comment on the effect of parents who disagree on discipline?

Grill—I can honestly say that the most disturbed children I have worked with come out of that kind of home situation—where there are parents at opposite extremes. There will probably never be a time when parents absolutely agree on every issue. But if you have a scrap, go into the bedroom—don’t do it in front of the children. A united front is a very important thing.

Ashman—What should be my procedure if I come home and find that my mate has taken a disciplinary action with which I disagree?

Fish—Any sensible husband (and I classify myself as one of these) is very happy for the wisdom, experience, and the input of a good wife. We want

that . . . we *need* it. On the other hand, there is a Biblical order, and that order speaks of submission of the wife to the husband. If there is a disagreement, it certainly needs to be handled privately, rather than in public or before a child.

Fink—Consistency is very important. All of us have a number of voices. Usually about the third or fourth one is the “I mean it” voice, and that one is usually an angry one! We need to mean it the *first* time, when we say it *nicely*.

Cone—I think nagging is a sorry thing. It builds frustration and probably has something to do with insecurity. In order to avoid nagging within your family, try to devise various little systems that will produce peace and calm. The other night one of my children didn’t make it home from school in time for another appointment, and I had to go out and round her up. On the way home I didn’t say one thing to her except, “Do you want to be grounded all day Sunday or take a demerit?” She chose the demerit. Then our conversation was happy all the way home; there was no need to say anymore!

Grill—A question I get all the time from mothers is: “The children will listen to their father . . . why won’t they listen to me?” Well, fathers are more dangerous. When they say something they usually mean it the first time, and they get results without nearly so much fuss, anger, or hesitation. If you mean what you say the first time, you are not usually pushed into overreacting.

Lewis—I think it is James Dobson, in one of his books, who suggests that the young person knows exactly the point at which the parent “means it.” He suggests a trained response, in which the child learns the exact point at which you’re going to take action. His main thrust is “don’t get emotionally involved—mean it the first time.”

Audience question—Proverbs 22:6 says, “Train up a child in the way he should go and, when he is old, he will not depart from it.” Does “train” here refer to physical, corporal punishment?

Fink—Actually, I believe there is a threefold concept to that word which is translated “train up.” Because it does frequently appear in a context of corporal punishment, it is often limited to that concept. However, in the Old Testament it appears five times—twice in II Chronicles, twice in Kings, and then in Proverbs. In the Chronicles and Kings passages, it can only mean “dedicate.” It is used there of Solomon dedicating the temple of God. That’s where discipline actually begins—while the child is still in the prenatal stage. As early as possible, *dedicate* that child completely to God, recognizing that the child is a *stewardship* that God has entrusted to the parent. That would be the first facet of the word.

For the second facet, we can go to the Hebrew rabbinical writers and realize that it means “to catechize.” In the ancestral language it means “to create a desire.” It is used when a midwife dips her finger into date-paste and

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stimulates the newborn baby's palate to cause it to desire to take on nourishment. The threefold concept consists of: *dedicating the child, instructing the child, and motivating the child* so that his obedience stems from an inward desire rather than from an outward conformity. Putting them all together, you understand what the Bible means when it says "train up a child in the way that he should go."

Audience question—What hope is there for parents who have been raising their children in one way, then become Christians and now, in the new light of God's Word, change their manner of dealing with children. Will they respond?

Grill—That's really tough. I would refer you to two books: C. S. Lovett's *What's A Parent To Do?* and James Dobson's *Dare To Discipline*. Lovett takes the more positive approach. But it's difficult. When you've rewarded a child one way for a long time, which is what permissiveness is, you're going to have a hard time changing him.

Fish—Some aspects of it are irreversible. Let's not deceive ourselves! The mold gets set a little bit more as you move on from childhood. However, by the grace of God, we would always say you could stop and not make things worse. You *might* make things a whole lot better. I certainly think that it's worthwhile for parents who become Christians to begin a new life of consistency. Perhaps they can "undo" some of the problems.

Fink—These little pocket electronic calculators are wonderful devices. You can do all kinds of things with them. Then they have a little button that is "clear the entry," and you're back to zero again. Would that children were that way! But they are not. Once that entry is registered, you never clear the machine. You have influenced that child forever!

Ashman—Doesn't the passage in Proverbs work in reverse as well? If you put the right things in, then those cannot be canceled out, either?

Fink—Yes, we did not talk about the *promise* a moment ago: "Train up a child in the way he should go and, when he is old, he will not depart from it."

"The threefold concept [of 'train up'] consists of: dedicating the child, instructing the child, and motivating the child so that his obedience stems from an inward desire rather than from an outward conformity."

Audience question—What about the child's own relationship to the Lord, as it relates to discipline in the home?

Pacheco—I have found in our home that I have great confidence in knowing that through the Lord I have the authority to discipline my children. I try to help them understand that if I did *not* discipline them, then I would be disobeying the Lord. I'm sure it's helped them to realize their own responsibility to obey me and my husband in the Lord.

Ashman—Dr. Hendricks on another occasion mentions II Timothy 1:7 as stating three things without which Biblical discipline in the home is impossible. It says, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound (or

disciplined) mind." The "sound mind" means self-control, and the secret of a well-disciplined child is a well-disciplined parent. Our own relationship to the Lord is *vital* important.

Cone—I think many parents never find out—or find out too late—that children *want* to be disciplined. They want good, consistent discipline because it gives them a good feeling and security. I'll never forget what our Kim said when he was only six years old. He and his daddy were leaving on a trip, and before they left he came in and said, "Momma, I'm so glad you and Daddy spank us kids. Because if you didn't, I'd get worse and worse, and my children would be bad, and *their* children would be bad, and pretty soon the *whole world* would be bad!" That was only a six-year-old child, but they understand more than we might think.

Fish—I think the child's own relationship to the Lord makes all the difference. When you know Christ, you're a new creation, and this applies to a small child as well as to an adult. Instead of just the old nature, which is pushing the wrong direction all the time, there's a new resource in the child. It's a real reason why we should evangelize our children. It is the responsibility of the parents not only to discipline with the rod and the strap, but also to make certain that the children have spiritual nourishment and encouragement all along the way. With the children saved, and then with our consistent lives and our godly example, we're going to have far less negative discipline and will have a happier home.

Grill—Carrying through on the idea that children learn responsibility and self-discipline in the home, Dobson says it is very unlikely that a child who has run over his parents and has done whatever he has wanted to do for 18 years is suddenly going to look up to heaven and say, "Here am I, Lord, send me." That's pretty *apropos*.

Lewis—Thinking of teenagers... when a teen becomes a Christian he now has the basis upon which to build. Accepting Christ will not immediately overcome all of his problems and his background. He's still going to act like a teenager. But it is the beginning of a curative process.

Audience question—Is it ever right



to punish a child when you are angry?

Cone—The younger the child, the more immediate your discipline should be. A good swat right at the time of the trespass can get the idea across.

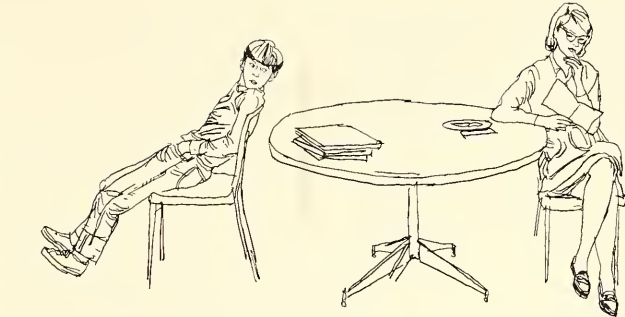
Fish—My specific answer would be “yes.” If you only discipline when you’re not angry, you may not get much disciplining done. If my child directly challenges my authority, there’s enough old nature left in me to make my temperature rise a bit. But I’m going to meet the challenge at that point, because God gave me a responsibility to do so.

Audience question—If your parents demand of you something that is contrary to your Christian convictions, whom do you obey?

Fish—“Children, obey your parents” is very definitely in the Word of God. This is a command that probably takes priority as long as the child is still young enough to be in the home. Now, if there is a *direct* command on the part of the parent to do something which the Bible specifically says not to do, then the child *has* to obey God rather than his parents. However, that is a pretty hypothetical situation and it is not like to actually occur. Let’s consider another example where the parent would say, “I forbid you to go to such and such a church.” I think the child should listen to the parent at this particular point. I think that would honor the Lord. The Lord didn’t say “obey your parents if they make the right decisions.” The commandment “obey your parents” takes very high priority.

Fink—I would agree, but would add that in the process of disobeying your parents for something they think is right and you think is wrong, then you have also to expect the discipline they would mete out for your disobedience. Clearly it is the responsibility of the child *always* to obey his parent. There are two realms of authority—the realm where God reigns, and the realm where God gives authority to parents.

Let me illustrate: In one of my family conferences, a 16-year-old girl came to my meeting, and I found out later that she was there in direct disobedience to her parents. That night I said, “Karen, I don’t want to see you here tomorrow night.” She said, “What do you mean?” I told her there would be only one condition—if she



would get along with her dad tomorrow and say, “Dad, I know you don’t want me to go to that church, and I’m ready to obey you. But Dad, I just want you to know that God holds you responsible for my spiritual development.” Then if your father permits you to come, well and good.

The next night I looked out, and there she was—right in the front row. I was perturbed and asked her after the service what she was doing there. She said, “Don’t you remember what you told me? Well, I did it. My dad said, ‘Well if it’s *that* way, go ahead and go to that church!’”

When the time comes that you are old enough to leave home, then you can go out and establish your own patterns. But as long as you are in the home, you obey your dad. God will use that obedience to bring dads to a knowledge of Christ. We are seeing a case like this working out right here in our own church.

Remember that there is a difference

between a Christian home, and a home where Christians live. Many homes where Christians live are anything but Christian. But still the responsibility in that home is on the dad and husband. And it is the responsibility of churches such as this to have meetings such as this so that moms and dads can find out what their Biblical responsibilities are—and obey them!

Ashman—Is delayed discipline ever good?

Grill—Have you ever noticed how children are worse when you have company? That is because they know that you won’t react in the same way you would if the company weren’t there. A classic example of this is in supermarkets. You are hesitant to have your child yelling bloody murder while you administer what he automatically would receive for the same offense at home. But you make a mistake if you do not do what you normally would do at home. What you end up doing is rewarding him for disobedience. You make it *pay* for him to disobey in certain situations. Learning theory says that the closer you reward or punish the behavior, the more likely it is to have an effect.

Ashman—I want to close with a passage of Scripture which Dr. Hendricks says is the most discouraging passage to a parent. It is 1 Samuel 3:12-13. Eli, who was a most devoted priest, was a very defective parent, and was judged by God because of his poor discipline.

It is possible to be professionally successful, but parentally a failure. It has been said that no professional success can ever make up for a failure in the home.

On this point the Bible is very clear.

“It is very unlikely that a child who has run over his parents and has done whatever he has wanted to do for 18 years is suddenly going to look up to heaven and say, ‘Here am I, Lord, send me.’”

The congregation smiled in satisfaction as the chancel choir came to a gentle cadence. The pastor stood.

"We thank the choir for their lovely ministry this morning. Indeed that was a beautiful number and we all appreciate their hard work and faithfulness."

On the outside, it was a tidy compromise. They finally had a Minister of Music who bubbled with good ideas, and who had introduced many lovely pieces of music to their church. At first, it seemed as though he was going to be stubborn and unreasonable. He had insisted that the congregation increase the music budget. But the official board successfully resisted, citing examples of other churches that spent no more for music than they were spending. Yes, it had been hard but they had won. Everything was now flowing smoothly.

But hidden underneath the apparent success lay dishonesty and deceit. To make the budget work, the choir director was duplicating copies of music by xerox and ditto machines to avoid spending the 35c per copy for individual octavos from the publisher. Yes, he met his budget. But he lost his dignity as a musician.

This situation has become far too common—even in fundamental churches—and has perhaps done more to smear the name of the Lord Jesus Christ than anything else in the field of Christian musicianship. "Jesus Christ Superstar" was violently objected to by scores of people who claimed that it was "unbiblical." Yet, at the same time, certain of these outspoken individuals saw fit to *illegally* copy "Biblical" music for their choirs, congregations, quartets and soloists.

That should strike anyone as being a contradiction of terms. *Illegal* and

Biblical cannot go hand in hand. Yet, this attempt to join them in the realm of music is still made.

Somewhere, an ethic has been discarded.

If an individual wishes to copy a piece of music that has a copyright on it, even if it is no longer being printed, then that individual must have a letter of permission *on file* that gives him authority to do so.

Unfortunately, such permission is seldom obtained. Commonly, a choir director or another church official will copy pieces of music for use by a group to *avoid paying* the per copy price.

For example: When a publisher comes out with a new teen songbook, it may contain several new songs that the youth choir can do very well. The errant procedure is to xerox the song and use it. The xeroxing costs 10c per copy, and the entire 18 voice youth choir has music for less than \$2. If they had to purchase the books at \$1 per copy, then the cost would be \$18 for their music. That appears to be a saving of \$16! It is true that the youth choir's budget has been saved a \$16 expenditure; but someone has lost his integrity—which cannot be measured by dollars.

The cause of copyright errors may be traced to one of two things . . . ignorance or rationalization.

Many people do not bother to read the notices of copyright that appear on pieces of music, and they remain ignorant of their personal responsibilities to the publishers. Certain others, who do read the copyright statements, do not bother to discover the limitations that are inherent. They are ignorant of the laws of copyright, and that

those printed warnings carry consequences for disobedience.

But ignorance is not an excuse. The driver that unknowingly "runs" a stop sign because he didn't see it is just as liable to get a ticket as the driver who did it deliberately.

Ignorance also operates from another angle to affect the musician. Many congregations and church boards have no idea of music costs and do not remove that ignorance. Hence, they can tend to set budgets that are not practical.

To illustrate: If a piece of music costs 30c, and the choir has 20 voices, then for 18 members to have a copy of music (remember that the director and accompanist each need one copy), it will cost \$6 to do that number. Using that as a base, if the choir sings 50 Sundays a year (dropping two for vacations or cantatas), then the choir needs a starting budget of \$300 just for music.

Add the costs for Easter and Christmas cantatas, and the average board member gets bug-eyed. To this point, the budget has not even looked at ensemble books, piano and organ tuning, perishable needs, robes, folders and the list could go on.

Furthermore, the illustration discusses *one* choir that sings *only one* song per Sunday. To add yet another blow, the price of 35c per copy of music is low: many pieces of music will run 35c to 45c depending upon length, demand, and other factors.

While money may be a problem, the choir director has alternatives that will be discussed below. The issue at this point is to eliminate the budgetary ignorance that the average church-goer possesses. Even if the congregation's attitude is unsympathetic, the music director has a moral obligation to obey

By Randy R. Maxson

A Lesson in Musicianship Ethics

copyright laws and insist that the others with whom he works do so too.

Rationalization is the other error that may creep in when ignorance can no longer be pleaded. The low- or non-budgeted-choir program that is asked to present top quality music has a problem. The faulty solution has been to xerox the music in spite of the laws.

It may seem harsh, but such a choir program has voided its right to exist. In any church music situation, the choir that dedicates its ministry to the edification of the saints has a responsibility to be above reproach in its dealings. To attempt to minister for the honor and glory of God while defrauding and cheating a music publisher is more than inconsistent—it is abominable.

Perhaps every music director should be firmly instructed in proper musicianship ethics. Or perhaps congregations, church leaders, and choir members themselves should ask their music directors to demonstrate proofs of ethical dealings with publishers.

Is it possible that this type of dishonesty is one of the things that has contributed to the seeming decline of God's blessing in many places? Only God himself can answer that question. But nevertheless, God does not promise success to those who defraud others.

We are not, however, without pos-

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sible solutions to the monetary limitations on a choir's budget.

How does a music director escape such budgetary pressures?

One solution is to gradually build a music library. The choir director can add a few numbers per year and periodically repeat some of the songs that were favorites. Most publishers have collections of songs that are available in booklet form, and these are usually more economical than octavo (sheet) music.

Of course, in order to build a music library, a *lockable* file is mandatory—since any popular church music has a tendency to wander off in the nights. (Another discussion could well deal with that problem.) Also, paper has a way of wearing out. This brings yet another consideration for a music budget. Whenever an older song is reused, it almost always demands a purchase of replacement copies for the music that has disappeared or is disintegrat-

ing.

There are some churches, unfortunately, that expect the choir director to perform miracles by giving him a budget of minute reserves and no collection of music to fall back on. To such a director we extend our sympathy, but it does not mean that the case is hopeless.

The average hymnal is full of songs that take on delightful and magical proportions when a little bit of creative musical imagination is applied.

Unison and two-part singing, with humming or other background effects can create lovely arrangements at no more cost than penciling instructions into the hymnal.

Of course, this technique can only be used so far until every choir number sounds like the previous one. But by using this approach in part, while buying select octavos with the budget that is available, the director can build a library of music in just a few years.

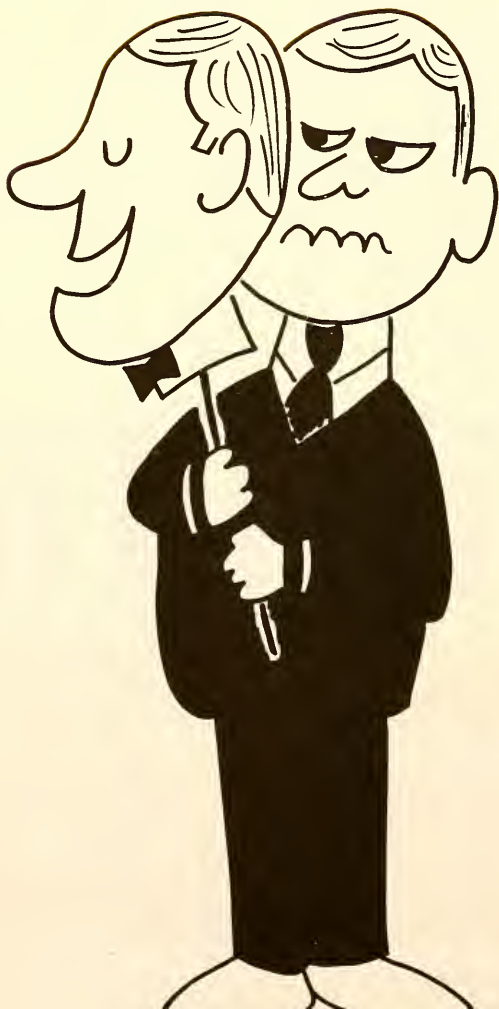
Remembering that the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ should be foremost:

"Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Let no debt remain outstanding . . ." (Rom. 13:7-8, The New International Version).

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WHO ME?



Did you ever stop to think that at this very moment you could be giving an academy award-winning performance? If not now, possibly at some time in your life a person or group of people has pegged you as "Mr. or Miss Hypocrite of 19--." And if not at you personally, maybe you've heard the charge leveled at a church, "Oh, they're just a bunch of hypocrites." Is it a diversionary tactic, or is it really the truth?

This is a serious charge, and since we are each responsible to the Lord for our own lives, we would do well to examine ourselves in the light of His Word.

We might start with a definition. "Hypocrite" comes from a Greek word which means "a play actor." The custom of both Greek and Roman actors was to hide behind a large mask equipped with mechanical devices to augment the force of the voice. The real person was never actually seen.

The word then came to be used metaphorically of a pretender. Webster says he is "a person who pretends to be what he is not; one who pretends to be better than he really is, or to be pious, virtuous, and so forth, without really being so."

Two parallels between an actor on the stage and a spiritual hypocrite are especially striking. First, an actor has to have some kind of costume: the costume of the spiritual hypocrite is external religion.

Nearly every time Jesus used the word it was directly aimed at the Pharisees. He explicitly stated that the "heaven," or corrupting influence, of the Pharisees was hypocrisy (Luke 12:1). Another time Jesus condemned them as hypocrites because they were like whitewashed tombs: they appear beautiful on the outside, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. "Even so you too outwardly appear righteous to men, but

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inwardly you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness" (Matt. 23:27-28).

A second parallel between the actor and the hypocrite is that they both have scripts. The religious hypocrite knows all the religious clichés and just when to use them. He knows how to pray long and hard so that it sounds very pious to other people (Matt. 6:5). There is just one thing he doesn't know, and his ignorance of this will give him away every time—the Word of God.

Again, the illustration of this principle comes from some of the greatest hypocrites who ever lived, the Pharisees. Their ignorance of the principles of prophecy in the Old Testament resulted in their not being able to tell the "signs of the times" (Luke 12:56). Their ignorance of personal principles of godly living resulted in their constant criticism and malice toward everyone else, including Jesus Christ (Luke 6:42). These are the kind of people who answer for everyone else except themselves.

It may emphasize the gravity of this problem to note that *Satan is the greatest hypocrite* of all times. He is called the father of lies (John 8:48), and hypocrisy is the living of a lie. Furthermore, Satan's mode of operation is to transform himself into an angel of light (1 Cor. 11:13-15). The word "transform" in the Greek is "suschematizō." It means to put on some outward form in order to conceal the real character. In other words—hypocrisy is satanic.

This is why the Lord commanded His disciples to beware of the "leaven" of the Pharisees (Mark 8:15). Kenneth L. Wuest's translation of this verse is as follows: "And He repeatedly charged them, saying, Constantly be keeping a discerning mind's eye upon, and ever be on the lookout for the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Herodians."

"Leaven" is the word "zume," and was used in the Septuagint (Greek version of the Old Testament) for "beer yeast." Throughout the Scriptures

"yeast" speaks of some kind of evil influence. Today, the idea is expressed in such phrases as "one rotten apple spoils the whole bunch." Another proverb often quoted is "bad company corrupts good morals."

The concept is that hypocrisy spreads like measles. For example, when one person is acting out a part it is difficult for others to relax in his company. The first person's performance actually pressures the second individual to put on some kind of a mask. The result is that no one can really be himself and the church (if this is where it happens) has an epidemic on its hands.

Now we all have a tendency to be hypocritical. Furthermore, we all have people on every side who are quick to point out our problems. But the Word of God doesn't just point out problems, it also offers solutions to them.

Solution hinges on two very important factors. The first is the concept of love in Romans 12:9, "Let love be without hypocrisy." Because hypocrisy is the opposite of love, hypocritical

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people do not know the meaning of the word.

This is one reason why hypocritical people will try to "run down" other people in order to promote themselves. Reflect again on the Pharisees' questioning of Jesus in Luke 20:27-46. The Pharisees and other religious lead-

ers were very jealous of His popularity and wanted to trip Him up and have Him arrested (Luke 20:19-20; John 11:48). Some people will never realize that blowing out someone else's light never makes their own shine any brighter.

What is love? It's a characteristic of those who are filled with the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5; Gal. 5:22-23). Therefore, the first important concept is really to make sure that we are under the influence of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:18; 1 John 1:9).

The second important factor in the answers to hypocrisy is the daily intake of the Word of God. This principle is taken from James 3:17. Browse over those last few verses of that chapter in a more recent version. If we remember that James was written at an early date to dispersed Jewish Christians, there could well be a link up with Pharisaism in verse 13.

"Who among you is wise and understanding?" Probably the tendency was for them to respect the opinions of the religious, pharisaical type. However, James says that true wisdom is "without hypocrisy." Remember that the hypocrite knows his lines, but he doesn't know the Word of God. "True wisdom" is a reference to looking at life from God's point of view and making decisions compatible with His Word. Naturally, we can't do this if we don't know what the Word says, so the force of the passage is for us to acquire true wisdom from a daily intake of the Word of God.

God has created our personalities. He has also provided us with His very thoughts recorded in a book. Furthermore, he has provided us with the Holy Spirit and with pastor-teachers in order that we can know His thoughts.

God is waiting to do a work in our lives that is not a "cover up" or a "cheap imitation." He wants our positive response to His Spirit and to His Word. Win your academy award for being Christlike, not for being a hypocrite!

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt
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Predictive prophecy is something that God has reserved for himself (Isa. 46:9-11). But in the running decades, centuries, and millenniums, there have been many who have sought to claim this function for themselves. Evil spirits, mediums, knowledgeable men, and people in general have been making forecasts. *U. S. News and World Report* and the *Kiplinger Letter* are among the national periodicals that have flourished because they purport to provide reliable information concerning the future.

Some of the Forecasts

Educators face a whole new future for education. Funds from sources that were so plentiful are now drying up. Federal and state funds are diminishing as a result of the effort on the part of legislators to ease the tax burden. Foundations and private donors are reassessing their financial abilities as a result of the uncertainties of the stock market. The student population is being affected by the escalation of costs and the difficulty of procuring loans and jobs.

Therefore educators are taking a new look at traditional patterns of education. Will it be possible to maintain huge campuses, with large and expensive faculties? Should education be

carried on in universities without walls? Could systems of taping and television provide education for a vast host of students without the necessity of maintaining expensive facilities?

Out of uncertainty and pressure some innovations are bound to arise. But the education process must go on, for it provides and prepares the population for the future.

And no area is so important as that of preparing Christian young people for the future. Grace Schools is now beginning to feel the pressures of uncertainty prevailing across the nation. This is strong reason for God's people to engage in earnest prayer and support for the school.

Recently I listened to businessmen of the Warsaw-Winona Lake area discuss the condition of the economy in this area. Already several businesses have closed their doors, several more are on the verge, and yet the local newspaper pointed out that this area was much better off than others.

Labor union leaders, management, and politicians have been reluctant to make forecasts that would precipitate a panic. But gradually they have been forced to admit that there is inflation sufficiently serious to warrant immediate and drastic efforts to contain it. At last it has been admitted that there is recession that nears depression level. Reserves to offset the effects upon the laboring population are fast disappearing and at the rate Social Security benefits are being used up that, too, will soon be gone.

There is now talk of tax cuts for the lower income brackets, and the pumping of billions into a fund to create jobs for the needy. It is even being suggested there is a need to revise strict control over wages and prices, perhaps even a rollback of prices. But with all these suggestions there seems to be no conviction that any one or all of these proposals will solve the situation.

Consider Another Trend

"We're not winning the battle against crime. If anything, we're losing ground." This is the gloomy assessment by the U. S. Attorney General William B. Saxbe of the years-old problem that has now grown to the stage of crisis in this country," according to a 16-page article in a recent *U. S. News and World Report* article entitled "The Losing Battle Against Crime in Ameri-

ca."

Mr. Saxbe, who later resigned his post, felt he faced an impossible situation. During the first six months of 1974, crime increased 16 percent, and headed toward an estimated record of 10.1 million; and these figures show only part of the true picture, because most crimes committed are never reported.

In this entire picture the most alarming aspect is the increase of crime among youth. From 1960 to 1973 there was an increase of 144 percent in all types of crime and 116 percent in serious crimes among youth. Last year alone there was an increase of 45 percent among youngsters under 18.

Could it be that men of our nation have willfully closed their eyes to the real cause of the rise in crime and then complain that they do not understand why? Could it be that in the public schools young people are being conditioned with a philosophy which provides for crime, and through communication media receive an attractive series of object lessons on how to perform? Ideas have consequences. If the adult population provides the ideas, the juvenile population will be sure to respond.

Like Israel of old, "they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind" (Hosea 8:7). If there is to be a halting of this trend, it must come from putting back into the classroom God, prayer, and the morality of the Bible. If this cannot be effected in the public school, then God's people need to take warning and move in the direction of Christian day schools and Christian high schools. Above all, Christian colleges deserve the wholehearted approval and support of God's people.

The high price tag of rising crime must be shouldered by everybody. This has now reached the staggering sum of 90 billions per year, and the cost in life alone is worse than World War II. Three mathematicians at the Massachusetts Institute of technology found that homicide is increasing so fast in U.S. cities that an urban American boy born in 1974 is more likely to die by murder than an American soldier in combat in World War II.

A wise man of long ago wrote these words: "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34). This statement has the seal of God upon it. ☛

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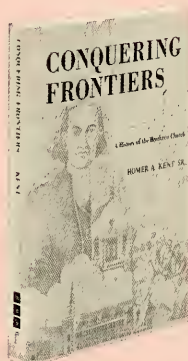
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Dear Editor,

I would like to renew my subscription to the *Herald* since it has expired. It is the only source of news coming to me of the Brethren Church (of which I am a member). As you know I am isolated from Brethren work here.
—South Carolina

Dear Editor,

I am writing to tell you how much I

like your editorials in the *Missionary Herald*. When I get mine in the mail that editorial is the first thing I read.

I also like the cover in color.—
Pennsylvania

Dear Editor,

I really appreciate the new study guides that the Herald Co. has been producing. I like the idea of covering just one book of the Bible at a time. In

the past you attempted to cover whole sections in one quarter. This is much better.—*Pennsylvania*

Thank you for your observations. In looking back over the quarterly studies there were many times when we would take Galatians, Ephesians and Colossians in a thirteen-week study. In the future we will be taking nine months to cover the same area. This will allow a more in-depth study of a particular book. CWT

Adjusting To the Unusual Is One Thing, But Earthquakes Scare Me

By Rev. Charles W. Turner
Editor

Indiana is a cold, cold place during the month of January. On further thought . . . December, February and March do not find time for too many heat waves, either. The thought of a business trip to Southern California, in the midst of winter, was not the worst thing I could contemplate in the line of duty. So, I packed up ready for a respite from the freezing breezes and blowing snow.

My wishes were not in vain because when I arrived in sunny California, I found the climate much to my liking. Somehow the whole world looked a bit brighter. The smog was nil and the sun shone in warm, satisfying abundance. Why did I ever have a bad thought about California? (My conscience bothered me a little bit!) Everything went well . . . with a good conference and seminar, a great time of fellowship, and a time of exchange of ideas with others in the publishing world. What more could a man ask in the cold, cold month of January?

My thoughts were soon to receive quite a jar. It was three o'clock in the early morning hours and all was well. I was sleeping on the eighth floor of the Holiday Inn in Long Beach, when suddenly I was aroused. The glass sliding doors were sliding and my bed was moving. Yes, indeed, an earth tremor in the area was making things feel different than normal. My first impulse was to run to the dresser and check my flight insurance. I was curious to see if I was covered if I took flight from that particular area! However, before I could concentrate on any other rational thought, it was all quiet

once more.

The next evening as I sat talking to a friend it happened again! This time it was two minutes before midnight. What a way to close a day! In talking to the native Californians, during the next couple of days, I found they were impressed, but not overly awed by the happenings. You see, what was so unusual to me was not strange to them. They rather acted and talked as if earthquakes served a purpose, like stirring their coffee in the morning or shaking the oranges out of the trees. As I started to reflect on the whole matter, I thought there must be an editorial in this whole phenomenon . . . and sure enough I found it. Let's call it, "Adjusting to the Unusual."

The act of adjusting can be good or it can be bad. My first reaction to the quaking earth was negative because I thought it would take a few trial and error experiences for me to calmly accept such episodes. I just didn't feel that earth tremors and yours truly were too compatible. This line of thinking leads me to the conclusion that it is possible to be around something negative for a period of time and eventually become adjusted to its presence. Sin is a great deal like that. I know some matters in question may be classified as wrong and yet a constant exposure causes one to finally let down his guard, and soon he just blinks his eye and goes on his way. This can happen in any number of cir-

cumstances—we *abhor* . . . then we *tolerate* . . . then we *succumb* to the evil.

Our life in a busy secular world is by necessity complicated. We are confronted with principles and actions that are contrary to the teachings of the Bible. Remember, we are not removed from the presence of sin when we are saved. It ever remains to confront us, but in the name of Jesus Christ, we can gain the victory. It is a known fact that our attitude toward sin is determined by our relationship with the Son of God.

Yet, there are unusual truths that we need to adjust to and accept. The natural man finds Biblical truth unnatural to him because it is supernatural. Through the new birth and salvation a person moves into a new life pattern. This pattern can be a dramatic change of purpose and intention as God directs. To move fully into this Christ-directed life is an existing and challenging spiritual adjustment.

So, adjusting to the unusual is good IF it means moving from the domination of sin to the freedom in the Son. It is bad when it means the good is encompassed about with evil, and if we accept and adjust to the wrong situation.

Remembering that from little tremors mighty earthquakes do grow, I left beautiful California the next day with mixed emotions. Sunny California was exchanged for a cold, windy Indiana night with a temperature of about ten degrees above zero. Oh, well, it does take a little time to adjust, you know.



MEXICO -

a Gate That Swings Both Ways

By Rev. and Mrs. Walter Haag

The neighboring country to the south of our United States has more than 50 million people now, almost one-tenth of them living in and around the capital, Mexico City.

Then, why are we along the border of Baja California? Because that was "the field" when the work began and it has seemed best to continue what was started there. Also, Mexico is a field which we cannot enter as "missionaries," so the border ministry has been more suited for that reason.

Walter Haag and Jack Churchill are working in that first approved area. Mr. Haag, being field superintendent, visits all the churches from time to time to encourage the pastors and congregations. Mr. Churchill, as director of the Bible Institute program, is occupied mostly in a teaching ministry of extension classes.

Jim Dowdy carries on a border ministry at El Paso, Texas, working over into Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. Phil Guenera is serving the Lord in the Mexico City area.

The first Brethren church established in Mexico is at Tijuana in the suburb called Aleman. The Aleman Brethren Church is enthusiastic and serves its community well under the direction of Francisco Tapia.

There is now another Brethren

church in Tijuana in the suburb called Francisco Villa. This group has for its pastor a recent Bible Institute graduate, Trinidad Viramontes, and is reaching new families regularly. These two churches are in the process of obtaining lots in a new section of Tijuana to extend the testimony there.

Traveling east across the mountain to Mexicali, we meet another group of Brethren believers in the Mexicali Brethren Church. They are at present under lay leadership of one enrolled in Bible Institute classes. His name is Benjamin Chairez, and he and the people there have a lively church and are extending themselves to one of the outlying areas for weekly Bible classes.

Going east another hour and then crossing the Colorado River, we arrive in San Luis. We have now left the state of Baja California and have entered that of Sonora. Here there are two established Brethren churches named for the avenues on which they are located. The first one established was Revolution and the second, Sinaloa. At Revolution we find Guillermo Galves with his sincere spirit leading the people to real growth. At Sinaloa we find a former Mexican evangelist, Rodolfo Villa, with a voice that carries half a mile, sounding forth the truth consistently and helping the church

reach out in that area.

To reach our next Brethren group we have to go into the heart of Sonora, through Mexican customs (Baja California to the north and also a part of Sonora are free entry for American tourists). We find ourselves now really reaching the interior; we are 400 miles from Tijuana. The



- 1 San Ysidro
- 2 Tijuana
- 3 Ensenada
- 4 Calexico
- 5 Mexicali
- 6 San Luis
- 7 Caborca

Caborca, Sonora, church is under the leadership of Mario Montes. Senor Montes is part Indian, and it is through him that we are entering into somewhat of a tape ministry among the Indians of that area. This is just budding, as is our entire tape program, but it should be great.

The newest church of this area

group is in Ciudad Obregon. This group was just born in November 1974. Ciudad Obregon is 300 miles south of Caborca, and the lay leader of this nucleus of believers is Miguel Angel Carrillo.

Now we really have to travel. We must triple our distance to reach our Brethren in Mexico City. In the

Guerena home meets the main church of enthusiastic middle-class Mexican people reaching their community with good strides. There is another group in the suburb of Vicente Guerrero where Abraham Gonzalez is in leadership. The primary group of the main church, which has Sergio Lopez for its national leader, is now, by faith and offerings, sending out Gilberto Acosta to the southeast area of Mexico to a place called Campeche to begin a work there. Along with this they are contemplating a radio ministry.

If you wish to return to the border at El Paso, it is a *long* two days from Mexico City. We can drop in on the Dowdys and their Saturday afternoon Bible class. Jim has a good film ministry in the area also. If the Lord so leads and the elder Dowdys join Jim, this will give many extra man-hours which are needed in follow-up work and establishing the groups in that border area.

You probably read in a recent *Missionary Herald* that the Mexican gate swings both ways. The missionaries have gone into Mexico, but on the other hand, two Bible Institute graduates from Tijuana have come into the United States and are instrumental in the Brethren churches of San Ysidro and Santa Ana, California. It is because of Mexican missions that these Spanish-speaking churches are in the States.

(FMS editor's note: Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy have now moved to El Paso to make their home. After finishing a period of deputation in the West this winter and spring, they will—although officially on retired status—assist their son and family in the mission work at this border point.)

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Coraopolis, Pa.	1,273.92
Cumberland, Md.	1,176.25
Grafton, W. Va.	2,270.01
Jenners, Pa.	2,183.62
Listie, Pa.	3,418.24
Meyersdale, Pa.	1,909.05
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	1,396.16
Parkersburg, W. Va. . . .	1,785.44
Stoystown, Pa. (Reading)	630.00
Somerset, Pa.	1,666.94
Uniontown, Pa.	7,091.03
Washington, Pa.	2,300.94
Westernport, Md.	275.53
Allegheny District, Misc.	200.00
	\$ 29,535.86

EAST DISTRICT

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Altoona, Pa. (Juniata)	2,404.00
Armagh, Pa.	179.03
Conemaugh, Pa.	9,063.16
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike) . .	7,264.19
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	3,247.99
Duncansville, Pa. (Leamersville)	5,443.27
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Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	5,555.00
Kittanning, Pa. (First) . .	11,633.23
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Maitland, Fla.	4,799.45
North Lauderdale, Fla. . .	654.00
Orlando, Fla.	398.17
Pompano Beach, Fla. . . .	1,611.86
St. Petersburg, Fla.	609.28
West Palm Beach, Fla. . . .	360.50
	\$ 21,214.67

INDIANA DISTRICT

Berne, Ind.	\$ 5,043.46
Clay City, Ind.	450.00
Elkhart, Ind.	5,622.19
Flora, Ind.	2,255.00
Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	5,545.14
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)	1,167.99
Goshen, Ind.	1,197.78
Indianapolis, Ind.	704.00
Kokomo, Ind. (Indian Heights)	947.76
Kokomo, Ind. (N. Kokomo)	84.50
Leesburg, Ind.	2,376.94
Logansport, Ind.	244.50
Osceola, Ind.	11,297.99
Peru, Ind.	2,303.16
Sidney, Ind.	3,250.87
South Bend, Ind.	2,033.95
Warsaw, Ind.	8,394.67
Wheaton, Ill.	825.00
Winona Lake, Ind.	14,679.56
Indiana District, Misc. . .	769.29
	\$ 69,193.75

IOWA DISTRICT

Cedar Rapids, Iowa	\$ 988.45
Dallas Center, Iowa	1,186.53
Davenport, Iowa	451.74
Garwin, Iowa	4,481.29
Leon, Iowa	2,145.27
North English, Iowa	805.50
Omaha, Nebr.	98.72
Waterloo, Iowa	5,044.55
Winona, Minn.	150.55
Iowa District, Misc.	81.45
	\$ 15,434.05

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Alto, Mich.	\$ 2,820.83
Berrien Springs, Mich. . . .	537.26
Jackson, Mich.	462.44
Lake Odessa, Mich.	976.00
Lansing, Mich.	333.00
New Troy, Mich.	3,396.51

Ozark, Mich.	256.00
Michigan District, Misc. . .	107.00
	\$ 8,889.04

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Alexandria, Va.	\$ 1,588.35
Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary)	1,326.10
Hagerstown, Md. (Gay St.)	4,773.69
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	9,789.70
Lanham, Md. (First)	3,826.23
Martinsburg, W. Va.	4,836.00
Seven Fountains, Va.	100.00
Temple Hills, Md.	2,793.72
Virginia Beach, Va.	201.00
Waynesboro, Pa.	5,267.92
Winchester, Va.	6,813.55
Mid-Atlantic District Misc.	244.00
	\$ 41,560.26

MIDWEST DISTRICT

Albuquerque, N. Mex. (Grace)	\$ 9.00
Albuquerque, N. Mex. (Heights)	1,330.89
Arvada, Colo.	39.15
Beaver City, Nebr.	240.50
Colorado Springs, Colo. . .	425.17
Counselor, N. Mex.	1,025.03
Denver, Colo.	2,090.39
Longview, Texas	320.00
Portis, Kans.	3,335.67
Taos, N. Mex.	533.40
	\$ 9,349.20

NORTHERN

ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Bethlehem, Pa.	\$ 169.05
Dillsburg, Pa.	647.22
Elizabethtown, Pa.	3,467.42
Harrisburg, Pa.	4,770.31
Hatboro, Pa.	2,947.73
Lancaster, Pa.	7,474.00
Lititz, Pa.	1,731.09
Manheim, Pa.	2,740.37
Mt. Laurel, N.J.	425.50
Myerstown, Pa.	9,825.06
New Holland, Pa.	8,122.13
Palmyra, Pa.	2,253.00
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	6,564.54
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	5,722.19
Telford, Pa.	6,277.50
Wrightsville, Pa.	758.00
York, Pa.	4,578.32
	\$ 68,473.43

NOR-CAL DISTRICT

Chico, Calif.	\$ 157.75
Grass Valley, Calif.	46.15
Modesto, Calif. (Greenwood)	2,966.96

Modesto, Calif.	
(La Loma)	10,893.24
Ripon, Calif.	1,104.80
Sacramento, Calif.	737.49
San Jose, Calif.	811.91
Tracy, Calif.	290.00
Nor-Cal District, Misc.	600.00
	\$ 17,608.30

NORTHCENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT

Ankenytown, Ohio \$	3,819.40
Ashland, Ohio (Grace) . . .	9,507.11
Ashland, Ohio (Southview)	3,717.25
Bowling Green, Ohio . . .	26.30
Columbus, Ohio (Eastside)	868.92
Columbus, Ohio (Grace) . .	15,409.37
Danville, Ohio	1,134.48
Findlay, Ohio	761.09
Fremont, Ohio (Chapel) . . .	614.25
Fremont, Ohio (Grace) . . .	5,536.41
Galion, Ohio	946.50
Johnstown, Ohio	1,097.25
Lexington, Ohio	1,329.72
Mansfield, Ohio (Grace) . .	5,125.05
Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)	2,902.91
	\$ 52,796.01

NORTHEASTERN OHIO DISTRICT

Akron, Ohio (Fairlawn) . \$	2,673.50
Akron, Ohio (First)	5,112.67
Barberton, Ohio	1,282.09
Canton, Ohio	5,887.30
Cleveland, Ohio	910.87
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio . . .	2,267.12
Elyria, Ohio	707.05
Homerville, Ohio	7,230.34
Middlebranch, Ohio	6,592.55
Minerva, Ohio	800.00
Rittman, Ohio	9,963.11
Sterling, Ohio	2,521.21
Wooster, Ohio	43,072.34
Northeastern Ohio District, Misc.	448.06
	\$ 89,468.21

NORTHWEST DISTRICT

Beaverton, Oreg. \$	613.96
Grandview, Wash.	908.66
Gresham, Oreg.	283.00
Harrah, Wash.	3,154.63
Kenai, Alaska	570.95
Kent, Wash.	906.00
Mabton, Wash.	1,008.71
Prosser, Wash.	66.25
Richland, Wash.	27.59
Spokane, Wash.	174.21
Sunnyside, Wash.	12,765.85
Toppenish, Wash.	1,834.10
Yakima, Wash.	1,704.20

Northwest District, Misc.	434.36
	\$ 24,452.47

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT

Anderson, S.C. \$	120.00
Atlanta, Ga.	1,028.70
Boones Mills, Va.	100.00
Buena Vista, Va.	1,949.72
Covington, Va.	2,964.95
Hollis, Va.	
(Patterson Memorial) . . .	5,197.18
Johnson City, Tenn. . . .	621.46
Radford, Va.	460.43
Richmond, Va.	297.61
Riner, Va.	35.00
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	344.50
Roanoke, Va. (Garden City)	700.00
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent) . . .	6,791.06
Roanoke, Va. (Gospel) . . .	100.00
Roanoke, Va. (Washington Heights) . . .	1,014.25
Telford, Tenn.	7,900.82
Willis, Va.	80.00
Southeast District, Misc.	33.07
	\$ 29,738.75

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA- ARIZONA DISTRICT

Anaheim, Calif. \$	3,438.00
Beaumont, Calif.	4,768.17
Bell, Calif.	800.00
Bellflower, Calif.	7,540.54
Cypress, Calif.	769.10
Glendale, Calif.	319.64
Goleta, Calif.	279.50
Grand Terrace, Calif. . . .	30.00
Hemet, Calif.	206.00
La Habra, Calif.	526.11
La Verne, Calif.	1,561.09
Lakewood, Calif.	496.73
Long Beach, Calif. (Community)	3,517.40
Long Beach, Calif. (First)	44,015.70
Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	2,878.25
Long Beach, Calif. (North)	42,664.60
Los Angeles, Calif. (Community)	706.00
Mission Viejo, Calif.	310.00
Montclair, Calif.	453.00
Norwalk, Calif.	2,709.46
Orange, Calif.	851.80
Phoenix, Ariz. (Grace) . .	3,318.50
Phoenix, Ariz. (Northwest)	290.47
Rialto, Calif.	1,000.00
Rowland Heights, Calif. . .	550.78
San Bernardino, Calif. . . .	1,707.72
San Diego, Calif.	1,000.72
San Ysidro, Calif.	130.00

Santa Maria, Calif.	748.73
Seal Beach, Calif.	2,428.45
Simi, Calif.	445.45
South Pasadena, Calif. . . .	615.48
Temple City, Calif.	448.44
Tucson, Ariz.	400.00
West Covina, Calif.	368.52
Westminster, Calif.	2,292.97
Whittier, Calif. (Community)	14,682.02
Whittier, Calif. (First) . . .	5,217.00
So. Calif.-Ariz. District, Misc.	155.00
	\$ 154,641.34

SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT

Brookville, Ohio \$	5,500.00
Camden, Ohio	174.00
Clayhole, Ky.	103.00
Clayton, Ohio	1,473.10
Covington, Ohio	363.63
Dayton, Ohio (Basore Rd.)	1,366.25
Dayton, Ohio (First)	11,773.48
Dayton, Ohio (Huber Heights)	432.00
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	7,604.82
Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)	2,424.00
Englewood, Ohio	6,196.55
Kettering, Ohio	1,127.25
Sinking Spring, Ohio	2,275.00
Trotwood, Ohio	1,360.50
Troy, Ohio	75.91
Union, Ohio	475.23
Vandalia, Ohio	1,199.64
West Alexandria, Ohio . . .	13.29
Southern Ohio District, Misc.	100.00
	\$ 44,037.65

MISCELLANEOUS

Akron, Ohio (Hillwood Chapel) . . . \$	960.00
Brethren Missionary Herald Co.	300.00
Grace College and Seminary	117.20
Hawaii, Aiea	817.53
Hawaii, Wahiawa	252.29
Maranatha Brethren Church	1,029.99
National Miscellaneous . . .	108,016.67
National SMM	825.00
National WMC	18,885.27
Puerto Rico Church	469.79
	\$ 131,673.74

TOTAL GIFTS TO FMS
\$890,895.95

Seventy-two Churches Exceed \$3,000 in 1974 BRETHREN FOREIGN MISSIONS OFFERING

1. Long Beach, Calif. (First)	\$44,015.70	37. Elkhart, Ind.	5,622.19
2. Wooster, Ohio	43,072.34	38. Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	5,555.00
3. Long Beach, Calif. (North)	42,664.60	39. Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	5,545.14
4. Columbus, Ohio (Grace)	15,409.37	40. Fremont, Ohio (Grace)	5,536.41
5. Whittier, Calif. (Community)	14,682.02	41. Brookville, Ohio	5,500.00
6. Winona Lake, Ind.	14,679.56	42. Everett, Pa.	5,467.26
7. Johnstown, Pa. (First)	12,877.17	43. Duncansville, Pa. (Leamersville)	5,443.27
8. Sunnyside, Wash.	12,765.85	44. Waynesboro, Pa.	5,267.92
9. Dayton, Ohio (First)	11,773.48	45. Whittier, Calif. (First)	5,217.00
10. Kittanning, Pa. (First)	11,633.23	46. Hollins, Va. (Patterson Memorial)	5,197.18
11. Osceola, Ind.	11,297.99	47. Hollidaysburg, Pa. (Vicksburg)	5,149.66
12. Modesto, Calif. (La Loma)	10,893.24	48. Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	5,125.05
13. Rittman, Ohio	9,963.11	49. Akron, Ohio (First)	5,112.67
14. Martinsburg, Pa.	9,859.75	50. Waterloo, Iowa	5,044.55
15. Myerstown, Pa.	9,825.06	51. Berne, Ind.	5,043.46
16. Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	9,789.70	52. Martinsburg, W. Va.	4,836.00
17. Ashland, Ohio (Grace)	9,507.11	53. Maitland, Fla.	4,799.45
18. Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	9,169.23	54. Hagerstown, Md. (Gay St.)	4,773.69
19. Conemaugh, Pa.	9,063.16	55. Harrisburg, Pa.	4,770.31
20. Warsaw, Ind.	8,394.67	56. Beaumont, Calif.	4,768.17
21. New Holland, Pa.	8,122.13	57. York, Pa.	4,578.32
22. Telford, Tenn.	7,900.82	58. Garwin, Iowa	4,481.29
23. Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	7,604.82	59. Lanham, Md. (First)	3,826.23
24. Bellflower, Calif.	7,540.54	60. Ankenytown, Ohio	3,819.40
25. Lancaster, Pa.	7,474.00	61. Ashland, Ohio (Southview)	3,717.25
26. Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	7,264.19	62. Fort Myers, Fla.	3,612.18
27. Homerville, Ohio	7,230.34	63. Long Beach, Calif. (Community)	3,517.40
28. Uniontown, Pa.	7,091.03	64. Elizabethtown, Pa.	3,467.42
29. Winchester, Va.	6,813.55	65. Anaheim, Calif.	3,438.00
30. Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	6,791.06	66. Listie, Pa.	3,418.24
31. Middlebranch, Ohio	6,592.55	67. New Troy, Mich.	3,396.51
32. Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	6,564.54	68. Portis, Kans.	3,335.67
33. Telford, Pa.	6,277.50	69. Phoenix, Ariz. (Grace)	3,318.50
34. Englewood, Ohio	6,196.55	70. Sidney, Ind.	3,250.87
35. Canton, Ohio	5,887.30	71. Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	3,247.99
36. Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	5,722.19	72. Harrah, Wash.	3,154.63

FROM THE FIELDS

From Debra Hinger, TIME missionary, Central African Republic:

I spent five wonderful weeks in the bush with the gals. The first week I was allowed to be broken in and only had to lead a reading group, song services and games. The second week at Betoko I was given my own class and also was assigned to give one of the "little morning talks." Our next stop was Batangafo where the Williamses are. Our classes were smaller and the weather much cooler than at Betoko. There I had my own little group and it was more like a vacation for me. The last stop was Bouca for two weeks. There we had 140 in classes. During these weeks I had a class of 15 girls in the "Amie Etape." I almost went out of my mind trying to direct over 100 girls in games!

When next I showed up at Boguila ready for a restful change of pace, I ended up designing couch covers, painting ceilings, doing medical reports, and helping sew piles of children's clothes for Christmas presents for the nurses' kids and the houseboy's kids.

I personally can say that I love this program. It lets you get your fingers into every sort of work and do it to the glory of God.

From Duke Wallace, Belem, Brazil:

In reviewing the year of 1974 I can see God's hand in everything, and I praise Him for it.

January was field council and national convention month with many meetings and decisions. The victory of the convention was that the national convention was incorporated and is now a legal entity.

February was a great harvest month for souls, with 41 decisions for Christ. It was the month of VBS in all three of our works, and much visitation. Also, during February the Coqueiro church voted to adopt a \$220-a-year mission budget.

In March we baptized two young couples. March was also the month that five men from the church were taught personal evangelism.

April was the month that Nova Marambaia really started to get moving and have life and win souls. This was a special victory in prayer.

May was when God gave us land for the chapel in Marituba, which is another wonderful answer to prayer. *Thank*

you for praying for your missionaries.

June was our sick month, first for me, and then Judy found another tumor and we had to go home for her surgery.

July, God wonderfully undertook for Judy and her health, and we had some great times with the churches and with our families. *God is so good.*

August was when we started a Bible club for children on Wednesday night. This proved to be a good thing immediately, for precious souls were won that month.

September, Marituba started the construction of their chapel. *Pray for this construction.*

October, Dionisio finished his first year at the Bible institute and I had the privilege of speaking at the graduation where he received his Bible Instructor's Certificate. It was also the month when the WMC got started once again in Coqueiro under national leadership.

November was a great victory for the ministerium, which as president I had been trying to get better organized during the whole year. This was the month of the evangelistic campaign at Capanema which resulted in five decisions for Christ and one rededication of life. George Johnson did the preaching and I did the visitation and personal soul-winning. It was a great blessing.

December is always a blessing with the Christmas programs about the birth of our Saviour. Also, two more of our Bible institute students finished their first year of study, and our Christian Primary School got underway with national leadership. *Pray for this.*

Another item of praise and an answer to prayer is the fact that God provided us with a little Volkswagen station wagon. Gasoline is very expensive here and our jeep was really hurting us gas-wise. *Thank you, Lord.*

As we came to the end of the year in the three works, I was astonished to find that we approached almost 200 souls won for Christ during the year. We have been working through Brazilians and not just trying to be the whole show. I guess the Lord likes the idea! Half of the converts are young people; we have two workers who work only with teens and children.

Thank you for supporting us and praying for us. You pray, and God answers here with growth and souls. Let's all pray for Brazil GROW 75, for it is the key in '75.

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(From the Fields, continued)

From Bill Burk, Sao Miguel, Brazil:

It's Christmas morning on the Rio Guama, and too many unusual things have been happening these days to let them go by without a letter to someone!

Sunday, December 22, I left in the catamaran at sunup for the 250-mile trip to the Icoaraci Islands congregations. About 20 minutes downstream, I picked up the 22-year-old son of Mr. Nilo. We had a beautiful trip the first 80 miles to Belem, but when we turned into the three-mile-wide river, Para, we hit the wind strong and had a real stiff chop head-on. Our first stop was Ilha Jutuba, 20 miles ahead, dead into the wind and waves. We stayed near the riverbank where at least the waves were not breaking. But then I noticed bilge water building up in the starboard hull. I pulled up the floorboards where the boat had leaked last trip (following which I had spent much time here at home making repairs), but found it was only leaking "a little bit"—not enough for all the water we had taken aboard.

So I had Geraldo climb aft while I pulled up the board under his seat. Yep! The side of the tunnel had split open from the force of the sea. The boat is ten years old and each trip of late has exposed some more rotten wood underneath the paint. While bailing water we limped over to the riverbank to make some sort of repairs.

For 20 years one of the unused tools in the box was a hacksaw blade. That Sunday morning it went to work—cutting up a piece of boat seat for a patch. Also, since that time about 15 years ago when I shipwrecked in these same waters (just below Jutuba), I've kept a can of wood screws aboard. That day they were broken out of the emergency kit. While I worked on the repairs Geraldo told me about a dream he had had that night. Something about a shipwreck!

Since there was a rocky island dead ahead, we had to make our test run with the patch right out into the river. After two or three minutes Geraldo yelled for me to stop. The screws were pulling out of the rotten wood! So—when everything else fails—pray! The Lord immediately said to go west instead of north. West would be with the trough of the waves; less pounding. We pulled up one motor and ran with the other at half speed. About the time we arrived at Big Snake Island, I remembered that on ahead about two miles across from Little Snake on Vulture Island was a little one-man boat repair yard. He agreed to help me out, but his

tools were on the other side of Little Snake Island. I'd have to wait until he went after them—in a decrepit little dugout canoe (made me think of the barefoot children of the shoe-maker!). The repair consisted of another back-up board with three braces to the framework of the boat. This would not keep her from leaking, but would keep the panel from breaking out altogether. Geraldo would take care of the bailing.

During this time the Lord told of His plans for our modified trip. The three groups that were expecting us downstream would not be visited this trip. But we could still make Monday's visit today—Sunday—since it was upstream through calm waters on Monkey Island. In addition to the late afternoon communion service and the evening meeting, we had the baptism of the 17-year-old son of one of the believers. It's been a *long* time since I've baptized a teenager. May God bless young Deusdete! And may Geraldo be inspired to follow the example.

After the people had gone home in their canoes, we hung our hammocks in the thatched church building. By sunup we were ready to travel, and the Lord gave us fine weather. We gassed up in Belem and then dashed across the Guama in the trough (since it was already getting choppy). We made the first ten miles in sheltered water behind some islands. Since we had high tide all the way we were able to hug the shore away from the whitecaps and had a more or less normal trip home—with the starboard drain plug out all the way.

Christmas Eve was spent dismantling the motors for storage. Also, we removed the patch for a good look at the injury to the hull. It will be complicated to repair, but there will be plenty of time to think as I won't do anything until after furlough (six months beginning in March).

Just before supper I began to assemble the little 12-foot runabout that I'll be using here close to home this afternoon. Naturally, my eyes were tuned to rotten wood—and when I poked that suspicious-looking spot, my finger went right through the hull. It was at a spot near the waterline up forward where it's usually out of the water. So while you were stuffing stockings, Tim and I were patching a fist-sized hole in our main boat—also, ten years old and homebuilt. And before six o'clock this morning I was back down there with a little more epoxy in the spots we missed in the dark last night. After breakfast the family opened presents. I got a jar of roasted cashew nuts—from our own trees. Then I

went down again to roll the *Vamos* out into the sunshine to cook the glue so I'll be able to make my visits this afternoon.

There is no real danger involved in the use of this smaller boat on these narrower rivers hereabouts. I could always swim ashore if she went out from under me. She's built mainly of cedar.

Happy New Year—and don't forget to praise God from whom all blessings flow.

From Roger Peugh, Stuttgart, Germany:

Sunday, December 22, was the big day of two German services, and we had rented a restaurant auditorium for the morning, praying for 100. It was a wonderful day! We had invited the parents of the children who attend the *Kinderstunde* to come for this program, and several came. We didn't reach our prayer goal, but counted 85—our highest Sunday morning attendance. The children sang the songs they had been learning in the Bible club. The message was a slide-tape set which I had put together, just reading the text of the Christmas story. We had a small gift for each child there. The congregation met together again at 5:30 for several hours of fellowship. Seventy crowded into our auditorium (about ten of whom had not been there in the morning), and we had the children seated on blankets and pads on the floor near the Christmas tree, which was decorated with cookies, candy and burning candles. This was a "first," as we had asked the families to take part in bringing the program. Some sang, some played flute and piano duets and trios, several read short Christmas stories and poems. At the end we had a time of refreshment—a light supper. A number commented how we were like one big happy family, and it certainly was true. This sense of unity in Him was realized by all, and we praise Him for this wonderful experience. The 22nd of December was a real "high water mark" in 1974, not alone in the numbers but much more in the spiritual unity we all sensed in the love of Christ.

On December 31 we had an early New Year's Eve service, from 7:30-9:30. We did a lot of singing—a request time, which was new for some and they really enjoyed it. The devotional was provided by the young people who had recorded a "radio broadcast" of what might be related over the air when Jesus comes again to take the church out of the world. Frau Peter had baked and glazed 120 delicious rolls which we then enjoyed for refreshments at the end,

after which we swept and set up the auditorium for the worship service the next morning—January 1. It occurred to me that the most common wish we make for others for the new year is "Alles Gute" (everything good), and yet the most significant thing we could desire for the new year for each other is "Gottes Wille" (God's will). Our brief study emphasized this from the Word, and then we celebrated communion together. For the first time the men took part in the leadership of communion, making it much more their service. We certainly do love these people, and are thrilled to see them begin to make significant moves into the areas of ministry. In standing around after a recent meeting one lady commented that we can't seem to leave each other, because we love each other so much. It certainly is showing!

At 5:30 p.m. on January 2 we met Rev. Zielasko, Dr. Ashman and Gordon Austin at the airport. They had arrived from the States, en route to Africa via Germany and France, for a three-day visit of our ministry. To keep their overtired bodies from getting in bed too soon, we took them right to a meeting at 8:00 here—our weekly Bible study. We have been studying "The Family" in the last six or seven sessions with great profit to us all. We have been seeing wonderful changes in homes as family members discover their Biblical roles and begin living as He wants them to live. After a good night of rest, and a late breakfast, we took the men on a brief tour of the city. Gordon was very interested in taking pictures of everything. Our neighbor watched him go out the door and photograph the doorbell buttons, the housetops, the street signs and a multitude of other things, and was convinced that we had some kind of camera nut staying with us! Nancy simply explained: "Some Americans are just like that!" He was able to take pictures of many things we never see as "interesting," having lived here so long, and of many things we cannot photograph due to the fact that we're involved in them.

You may be interested in some statistics which cause us joy. In the first quarter of 1974 the average attendance on Sunday mornings was 19; the last quarter, 61. Over \$4,200 was given in offerings during 1974; in 1973, just under \$1,500. Numbers do tell a story, but certainly not a fraction of all He has done in lives in 1974. We believe that you, who are earnestly praying for us, are in a large measure responsible for His working here. Thanks to you, and may all the praise be His.



NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

Clayhole, Ky. Born to Rev. and Mrs. Richard T. Boggs on Jan. 21 was Seth Adam. He weighed 10 pounds, three ounces.

Winona Lake, Ind. Evangelist Bill Smith reports a successful crusade meeting at Calvary Baptist Church of Greenville, Mich. There were 22 public decisions to receive Christ.

Vandalia, Ohio. A successful series of meetings with Evangelist Ding Teuling was held at the Grace Brethren Church. Average attendance for the meetings was 106, with several public decisions recorded. Everett N. Caes, pastor.

Angels and demons. What does the Bible reveal about them? Are demons a superstition or reality? Angels—who are they? Can the dead communicate with the living? An informative study guide with the answers to these and other stimulating questions has been written by Dr. Bernard N. Schneider, pastor of the Grace Brethren Bible Church, Fort Myers, Florida. It is scheduled for use in adult classes during June, July and August, and quantity orders will again be priced at \$1.50 per copy (one half of the regular retail price of \$2.95). Address your order to the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. (Individual orders accepted at \$2.95 per copy. Please enclose your check or money order, and we will pay all postage costs.)

New York (EP)—Moshe Kol, one of the founders of the State of Israel and its minister of tourism since 1965, declared here that “cooperation between Christians and Jews is needed today more than ever before to prevent a new world disaster.”

He spoke at a reception held in his honor at the headquarters of the National Conference of Christians and Jews (NCCJ).

Mr. Kol recalled that “when the Nazis started their oppression of the Jews in the 1930s, the Christian world did not take the dangers of this regime seriously. The Jews were the first to suffer, but later the whole world paid a heavy price for their negligence toward these enemies of mankind.”

He warned that “we are now living in a period as dangerous as those days before the Second World War. A new ‘unholy alliance’ dominates the United Nations and it works to destroy the economies and regimes of the free world. The partners in this dangerous alliance are the leaders of the Soviet Union and oil magnates who are the owners of the oil sources in the great deserts of the Middle East.”

According to Mr. Kol, these parties “have nothing in common ideologically. Yet again they begin with the Jews. This time the object is the destruction of the Jewish State.”

The Israeli official called upon the Christian world “to remember the events of 40 years ago and to wake up in time to stop this tragic development.”

Maitland, Fla. A program of faith-promise giving initiated at the Grace Brethren Church at the beginning of last year gave positive results. In January, 1974, the faith-promise goal of giving to missions was set at \$10,000. The total received was \$10,025. In light of a sagging economy, a goal of \$11,000 was set for 1975, with \$11,156 promised! The total includes district, home, and foreign missions. R. Paul Miller, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Warsaw, Ind. Mar. 9-14; David Miller, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker.

Columbus, Ohio (East). Mar. 16-21; Richard Sellers, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker.

Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside). Mar. 16-21; Don Rough, pastor; Nathan Meyer, speaker.

York, Pa. Mar. 16-23; Robert Whited, pastor; Robert Thompson, speaker.

In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

ANTHONY, Caroline, 85, Nov. 12. She was a longtime member of the Third Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa., before becoming a member of the Suburban Grace Brethren Church, Hatboro, Pa. Her wish was to die in church with a friend and it nearly came true. During the evening service, Nov. 10, she quietly passed into a coma, putting her head on the shoulder of Mrs. William Steffler, W. Carl Miller, pastor.

BRALLIER, Earl, 84, Jan. 28. He was a member of the Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa., for 74 years, and a faithful deacon for many years. Don K. Rager, pastor.

CONNER, Charlotte, 84, Jan. 9. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va., since 1913. Lester W. Kennedy, pastor.

DeARMEY, Harry J., Nov. 28. He was a longtime member of the Jenners Grace Brethren Church, Jennerstown, Pa. He was the father of Rev. Richard P. DeArme of Orange, Calif. Richard Smith, pastor.

GINGRICH, Mary C., 70, Jan. 25. She was the wife of Rev. Ulysses L. Gingrich, retired Brethren minister, and a member of the Grace Brethren Church, York, Pa. Robert D. Whited, pastor.

PEITZMAN, Austin B., 71, Jan. 15. He faithfully attended the First Brethren Church, Dallas Center, Iowa, for 47 years. Carlton J. Fuller, pastor.

SHEPHERD, Ronald D., 19, Dec. 1. He was a member of the West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio. Robert Holmes, pastor.



THE SWITCHBOARD


Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director; James Long, assistant to the director.

Lines from Lewis

Sunday School and Youth Training Hour: Why Both?

By Ed Lewis

Director of Youth Ministries



Sunday School is too short. At least it's too short to allow for the many practical questions which can stem from a Bible passage.

That is one reason for having a weekly youth training hour. This time (usually on Sunday nights) allows for ample opportunity to put many of these Bible truths into practical living.

Sunday School is not the place to have the entire lesson include a panel of parents to answer questions about guidelines for teens. Although a Sunday School class may include a panel or other creative ways to communicate to teens, it should not be a replacement for the purpose of the hour. Sunday School is for Bible instruction. That instruction is very important. A teacher must see that it is applied practically for their lives today.

The Sunday evening youth meeting on the other hand should not duplicate Sunday School. Youth meetings are not the place for systematic Bible instruction through Bible books or topical studies. Although some meetings will naturally include a searching of the Scriptures, this would only be done in accordance with a practical problem or need of the teens.

The youth meeting is not as concentrated on gaining new Bible content as it is on discovering and applying the content to life. For example, a Sunday School lesson might center on

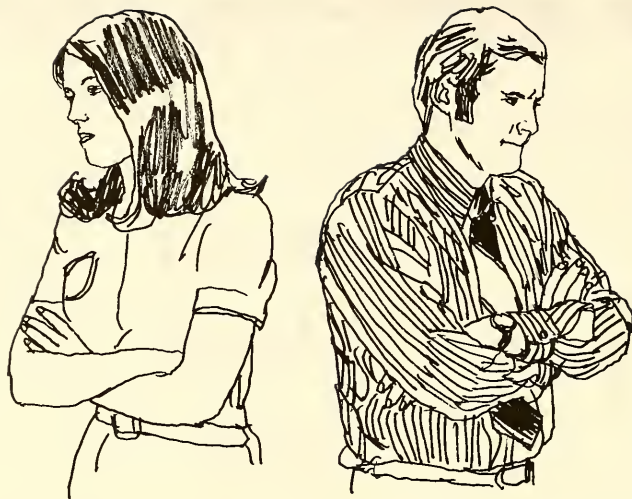
study of the lives of historical spiritual leaders.

Young people also need this time to share their thoughts and feelings and by using their God-given gifts to express their faith to others.

Balanced youth meetings include these elements: (1) training (2) fellowship and (3) programs centered on the needs of the youth. These meetings may include topics that are being questioned by the teens or themes that would be most informative to them. Of course, they should be planned and shared by the teens themselves with the help of adult advisors. Meeting themes may include such topics as dating, parents, reading materials, music, devotions, etiquette, or career opportunities.

Both Sunday School and the youth training hour are important if used for their intended purposes. The "program" of the church is not the answer for reaching teens. It's much deeper. It is the personal involvement and sharing with teens that will bring about lasting results, but one must work within the framework of some plan. It's certainly unnecessary to destroy existing church meetings in order to minister to teens. Let us use these existing church programs properly so they can become more effective tools to minister to youth through a balanced church structure.

IDEAS



The Second of Three Vignettes on Family Ministry

THE REFRAIN

Recycled Family Failure

By James Long
Assistant to the Director

A man and a woman stand in the circle of their mutual alienation, leaning over the shattered fragments that used to be a home, straining every nerve, painfully trying to make the pieces fit. They are trying to reconstruct something that vaguely resembles a home, feeling that even that would be an encouragement. But, like a flattened can, it seems like every effort to pound out the difficulties only rearranges the dents. And whether shattered glass or dented metal it mocks them...like every effort is doomed to frustration. And a multitude of minute failures haunt them so that even the remembrance of yesterday's good intentions are no longer consoling. Thoughts of homes that "made it" only evoke jealousy. But this marriage was to have been different. It was a three-way covenant—Man. Woman. Lord.

Well...there it is. A situation you might just as well call "The Refrain." It's repeated over and over. Consideration of "family ministry" begins at home. Ours—not theirs.

What home remedy will relieve the home's maimed and diseased condition? Back to the ounce-of-prevention/pound-of-cure syndrome: pre-problem preventatives and post-prob-

lem prescriptions do not greatly differ. In either case it is a "new" breed of *house call*. It demands an awakening of holy obedience to the dual essentials of *loving-leadership* and *reverent-submission*. Violate the essentials. Strum the refrain. Another family failure. The more the failure is reduplicated the greater the crescendo until another home shatters under the piercing, maxi-decibel volume of that refrain of family failure. That is the result of obstinate, selfish disobedience to sovereignly ordained essentials—or perhaps careless ignorance.

I. Loving-Leadership

The stuff that makes up the functioning of the home is the delicate interplay of leadership and submission. It permeates every interpersonal relationship in the family structure. So God has ordained an order of leadership and submission. Currently the country is being "blessingly blitzed" by a multiplicity of family life seminars and institutes. Much needed. One can scarcely be conscious and miss the emphasis on authority and submission in the home. But...don't be buried in the barrage. Leadership is not dictatorship. An alert and sensitive author cautions husband-leaders: "It's no big deal to die for your wife (and family)



There is no room in a Christian marriage for the mind-set which fancies submission as the surrender of dominion only when it is expedient to do so . . . and then with the "I-told-you-so" reserve prepared for the expected failure. Nor is there any place for the mediocre (at best) leadership that helps create (and then feeds) that monster.

if you aren't living for them" (my paraphrase). The husband's role in his wife/family leadership function is to be one of loving service, not mere self-assertiveness. It is true that leadership which is not asserted is not leadership at all (attention all male jelly fish!). It is also true that leadership administered in harshness to support a bulging ego is not Christlike leadership. Christ commands His ministers to minister by serving, caring, sometimes lovingly disciplining, and perhaps dying. Is that any less true of a husband's relationship to his wife? Or parental leadership of children?

II. Reverent-Submission

"Leadership can't work undefined." "Initiate-respond" is more than an affection formula. It is a general principle of leadership. Far too many homes of Christians are a mockery to the wisdom of God's Biblical design for the smooth functioning of the home. It is a scandalous miscarriage of witnessing opportunity for the leadership of the home to appear as a seesaw wrestling match or close basketball game in its last quarter. Wives are to be *reverently* submissive to husbands. Children are to be *reverently* submissive to parents. Not knuckling under, crabbing-under-the-breath, frown-filled surrender with an "I-told-

you-so" arsenal of reinforcement for round two. Reverent. When Peter (under the Holy Spirit's direction) wanted to emphasize that very point in his epistle, he chose the example of Abraham and Sarah. No, the example of Sarah. (Abraham's leadership did not always rise to the occasion.) Think about some of the hair-brained stunts Abraham put Sarah (his "sister") through! She *reverenced* him, calling him "lord." And was praised for it.

Leadership/Submission Is Not Superiority/Inferiority

For a wife to manifest reverent submission to her harsh tyrant-type male is a positive *corrective* prescription. For a husband to manifest loving leadership to a pathetically domineering wife is a positive *corrective* prescription. But for a husband to manifest loving leadership and have his wife reciprocate with reverent submission is the interplay of positive *preventative* measures. It is an education to every casual observer or cynical scrutinizer of the home. It is the essence of family ministry.

Well . . . there it is. A preventative/prescription for family failure in painfully brief perspective. *Loving-leadership* and *reverent-submission*. Not in a superior/inferior mentality mold. (There's even order of authority within the coequal Godhead.) Man. Woman. Parents. Children. A family . . . free to be individuals. Together. Liberated to praise God and celebrate the wisdom of His approach . . . in stark contrast to the sick sounds of a refrain of family failure. ☞

Discuss This Vignette with Your Spouse

1. In reading the article, what did the title suggest to you? Did it bother you that Christian homes were portrayed as vulnerable to failure?
2. List three or four examples of leadership in circumstances where the decision of a leader was a good decision, but it was not administered in love.
3. List three or four examples of submission in circumstances where there was an acknowledgment of authority, but it was not done with an attitude of reverence and honor.
4. If husbands practiced loving-leadership over their wives and parents practiced loving-leadership over their children, would they be taken advantage of? If so, why? How could such a situation be handled?
5. If wives and children practiced reverent-submission would they be taken for granted by "the leadership?" If so, why? How could that situation be handled?
6. If a Christian home practiced these essentials in what sense would that be a testimony for Christ?

The 1974 Sunday School of the Year Reports the Key To Growth Is Not Clever Ideas, Just . . .

Teamwork in Outreach

By Rev. David Plaster

The 1974 Sunday School of the Year trophy is an impressive award for any church. This year the record that earned that award for the Riverside Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, is equally impressive. Attendances which ran around 130 after the 1973 national conference climbed to the 280 mark during 1974. Between those two figures a branch church was developed in Armagh with a group of 60 people who left in June to form their own church. The growth had to thus include replacing those who were sent to the new work, the Valley Grace Brethren Church. A single bus route developed to the present five buses running every Sunday.

But what lies behind these successes? Some might be tempted to look for new secrets, startling new discoveries which have made all of this possible. The answer to such a question may be surprising in this day of acclaim for sensational methodology. According to Pastor H. Don Rough, the secret of success was not in new methods as much as it was in people.

These people at Riverside are willing to work as a team. The charisma of one man might have a superficial success, but solid results in Sunday School development must be based on people who are united as a team and determined to accomplish the work which the Lord has given to them. Everyone does his part. Some teach, some visit, some drive a bus, but each one seems to be excited about what God can and is doing in their Sunday School. You may talk about the bonds that unite us in Christ, but people who put that bit of theological precept into practical action will reap the kind of harvest that has been seen at Riverside.

With this unity to the task, a vision has been included. The Sunday School began to grow when people began to catch a glimpse of what could be done. Their vision was motivated by sensitivity to the needs in their own com-

munity. With this vision in their hearts this group has set out to bring it to pass as the Lord enables. Pastor Rough states, "We are the answer to our own prayer!" Praying for the Johnstown area is not enough when one is really challenged by what can be done. Only going out on faith and being willing to be used while going is the answer.

This also is a church that practices the Great Commission. If one really believes what the Bible says about what it means to be lost and severed from God, then it is impossible to remain silent and passive. If one really intends to obey the commands of the One we name as Lord as well as Saviour, then it is impossible to avoid reaching others for Christ as directed by the Great Commission. A growing Sunday School is one which is based

on reaching others for Christ and then discipling them in the faith. Evangelistic services have their place in outreach, but the evangelistic Sunday School can complete the Great Commission by discipling the babes in Christ in the Word.

Of course, unity, vision, and a practice of the Great Commission must be channeled through various methods. No matter what the method, however, it is the people that come first and it is the people that make it work. Perhaps we should begin to suspect that some of the success attributed to various methods really should be credited to the people behind them rather than the innovation.

The most important tool that has developed the Sunday School at Riverside really is a union of two programs: the bus ministry and the GROW program. These two form perfect working

On behalf of the Riverside Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa., Pastor and Mrs. Don Rough received the 1974 Sunday School of the Year award from Howard Mayes, executive director of the Christian Education Department. This event took place at the Sunday School awards program at national conference in Winona Lake.





The Riverside Brethren Church is not being built by the momentum of clever ideas, but by the dynamic of "the same old things" - people involved in the ministry.



partners through which the people of the church have channeled their energy.

The bus ministry involves 25-30 people every week. On Saturday morning they gather together for a "bus breakfast" before going out for intensive visitation. New contacts are made as well as the following up on past contacts. The bus routes have continued to grow week after week. At the present time there are approximately 150 people every Sunday coming to Sunday School on the bus.

The new contacts made for the church through the work of the bus ministry are followed up by the GROW visitation team. With visitation every Tuesday evening families are reached with the Gospel and brought into the Sunday School and church. The GROW program turns the bus ministry from "just kids" into a program that has brought new families into the church. The testimonies at every baptismal service have been thrilling.

Other areas of the church program also contribute to the success of the Sunday School. The church programs should be interrelated! They should contribute to each other. For example, the Junior Church program is used to help with the influx of children



through the bus ministry. Here the training and outreach of Sunday School is continued in a different format. Currently there are three divisions meeting during the morning worship service. Public decisions for Christ are made upstairs before the whole church.

Perhaps these observations may draw the reaction in your mind: "These are just the same old things with a bus or a tract thrown in!" That is absolutely correct. People using any methods available to them to reach out to others with the Gospel have been busy succeeding for centuries. "The same old things" launched the church across the Roman world with a

literal explosion of growth. This same "formula" of teamwork with a vision of what God could do took the Brethren Church from a group of eight believers to where we are today.

Should you imitate the methods used at Riverside? Perhaps, if they will meet your needs. But new methods without the vital ingredient—people—will not reap the great harvest seen at the Riverside Brethren Church. The challenge given to us by the 1974 Sunday School of the Year is not to change our textbooks on methods; it is to change our hearts!

Rev. David Plaster is pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Armagh, Pennsylvania, a "branch" of the Riverside Brethren Church.



Dottie Franks, Director of girls ministries for the Christian Education Department presented \$700 to Raymond Thompson of the Foreign Missionary Society to provide a refrigerator for the medical work in the Central African Republic (left). In addition to that, \$500 was given toward Karen Walker's tuition at Grace College. Karen is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Walker now serving in the Central African Republic.

Gladine Rupp, national treasurer of SMM, presented a check for \$1,019 to Dr. Wayne Beaver for the GROW program (below).

This money was raised by the National SMM girls ministry. It represents one year of work among the SMM groups of all ages. The ministry to girls is directed by Mrs. Dottie Franks as a project of the Christian Education Department. Additional information about this ministry can be obtained by writing to Dottie Franks, Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

SMM Supports Ministries

FOREIGN
MISSIONS
GROW



Dear
SMM Girls

Dear SMM Girls,

I would like to express my thanks to you for your financial support for college. You have been God's answer to my prayers about money for school. As a former SMM member, I know what you had to sacrifice and I appreciate your thoughtfulness. Pray for me now as I prepare to go to France under the TIME program this summer. I have lots of work ahead. Thank you again for making me part of your national project last year.

Love in Christ,
Karen Walker

SEMINAR NEWS AND VIEWS

Audiovisuals and the Church

A media ministries seminar will convene at the Winona Lake Bible Conference Grounds June 16-20.

Sponsored by Ken Anderson Films and assisted by the Double Sixteen Company, the theme of the seminar will be "The Utilization of Audiovisuals in the Evangelical Church."

Dr. Gene Williams, head of the Communications Department at Trinity Seminary, will serve as dean. Experts in the AV field will make up the staff.

More information can be obtained by writing directly to Ken Anderson Films, 1520 E. Winona Ave., Warsaw, Indiana 46580.

Canton Area Seminar in Sunday-School Learning

The Christian Education Department will present the Seminar in Sunday School Learning in the Canton, Ohio, area. The ten-hour involvement seminar will be held Friday and Saturday, April 11 and 12. The seminar which has been held in 14 different locations since September will focus on the development of communication skills in Sunday School teaching. It emphasizes the importance of utilizing Bible learning activities, audiovisual methods and materials, and ministry attitudes. The instructional team includes Alberta Hanson, ministry to children; Ed Lewis, ministry to youth; James Long, ministry to adults; and Howard Mayes, administration and ministry to adults. Reserve these dates. More information will be coming to Ohio area churches.

Other churches and district groups interested in receiving this kind of help are urged to write the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

DIVISION WINNERS — JANUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTEST

Div.	Church	Pastor	Superintendent
A	Columbus, Ohio	James Custer	Donald Garlock
B	Meyersdale, Pa.	Robert Burns	James Miller
C	St. Petersburg, Fla.	William Tweeddale	Dennis Lambert
D	Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	Don Rough	Leroy Spangler
E	Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	J. Hudson Thayer	Robert Gordon
F	Union, Ohio	Ronald Picard	William Cochran
G	Dayton, Ohio (Huber Heights)	James Poyner	Chuck Roush
H	Beaverton, Oreg.	James Willett	-----
I	Columbus, Ohio (Eastside)	Richard Sellers	N. L. Jacobs
J	Grass Valley, Calif.	Arthur Carey	Lloyd Goddard
N	Armagh, Pa.	David Plaster	Joseph Barrett

RECORD ATTENDANCES—Dayton, Ohio (Huber Heights)—147; Kenai, Alaska—51.

PSA INSIGHT

A National Fellowship of Brethren Churches Sunday School Report

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

of all reporting Sunday Schools* January, 1974—146
 January, 1975—163

GROWTH INDEX BASED ON 176 REPORTING CHURCHES

January 1974 weekly average attendance 26,592
 January 1975 weekly average attendance 28,694
NET GAIN in reporting churches 2,102 persons or up 7.9 percent

SUMMARY

107 churches registered increases totaling 2,856
 63 churches registered losses totaling 754
 Largest numerical increase Columbus, Ohio—Worthington
 Largest percentage increase Grass Valley, California

* The larger the number of reporting churches, the more accurately these figures will represent the church growth picture of the NFBC. We urge the total support of the churches of the NFBC in this computer-evaluated church growth analysis which is provided free of charge to churches of the Fellowship by the Christian Education Department.

Another Christian School

We inadvertently omitted the Grace Brethren Kindergarten in Marietta, Georgia, from the 1975 Christian Schools Directory we published in an earlier issue of the Switchboard section of the *Herald*. The founding church is Grace Brethren Church of Greater Atlanta where Dean Fetterhoff serves as pastor and William Byers as associate pastor. The kindergarten has an enrollment of 14 with one full- and one part-time staff member.

REFLECTING BLESSINGS
GOD'S THROUGH...

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REFLECTING GOD'S BLESSINGS THROUGH DEDICATED DECISIONS

Striving for the Faith of the Gospel

By Mrs. Jake Kliever



Being a missionary has its many compensations, one of which is the surprises that come along continually—mostly nice ones, like being chosen for a second time to be one of the WMC Birthday Missionaries. Truly I was more than a little surprised, and honored! Thank you, each WMCer, and do pray for me that I may be worthy of the choice you have made. I like what Paul says in Philippians 1:27—“... striving together for the faith of the gospel.” I shall try to do my part.

From the time when I was a small child, I was interested in missionaries. The first “real live missionary” I remember seeing was from India. At that time he was the most handsome man I had ever seen: tall, dark complexioned, black wavy hair, a beautiful smile and a voice I still remember. His whole being was filled with love and compassion for the people of whom he spoke. He presented the need to take the Gospel to those who did not know it in such a manner that, small as I was, it never left me.

Through the years many missionaries visited the Mennonite church that we attended. To me it didn't matter where the missionary served; it was the missionary himself and the work he was engaged in that interested me. All the time, way back in my mind, lurked the thought: There is no reason why you should not be a missionary some day.

As I look back, I realize that I led a

very normal girl's life with all its ups and downs. I don't think I missed very many, and praise the Lord for the ones that missed me! Growing up wasn't easy. I was sixteen when I accepted the Lord and realized that I must yield myself to Him completely if I was to serve Him, even in my little old hometown. I was saved, baptized, joined the church, sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, and so on—busy and happy to a degree, but not satisfied. There was more for me than this.

Many things happened between my conversion and my leaving for Bible Institute to prepare for missionary service.

Where was I planning to go to serve? I didn't have the slightest idea.

When? That question didn't bother me. There were too many other things to think about just then.

How? I didn't even know how I was going to get through school, much less how I was going to get to the field—no rich uncle, a completely disinterested church, family opposition, and only \$40 left after the initial school expenses were paid. But I had a promise—Philippians 4:19—and it worked!

Why? That was one thing I did know. God's Word put it so plainly in Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 1:16, and Romans 10:14-17. I'm not a preacher—I just love to tell “The Story.”

Jake, my husband, and I have known each other from the time we were children. Our families were very good friends, but that didn't make us

kids friends. In fact, I didn't even know that Jake had left home to go to Biola (that was in 1926), and I didn't see him again until shortly before my graduation from Biola in 1930. What a change! Our childhood dislike for each other turned to love, and the following August we were married. Happily, Jake also felt called to missionary service. Neither of us had a particular field in mind, but we knew that the Lord would guide us together in this as we waited upon Him.

At this time Jake was working in a Brethren church, but we were not members. We liked the church and what it stood for, and we liked its missions program. It was after a talk we had with Mary Emmert that we decided to become Brethren. Some time later we put in our application to the foreign board for service in Africa. Imagine our surprise when we were informed that we would have to take some seminary training. Wasn't our Bible Institute training sufficient? It was for other boards!

We were stubborn and felt that the board was too, but they won out. After almost six years of waiting, we finally decided that if we were really called to Africa, we'd better get going. Where? To seminary, of course.

As we look back, how thankful we are that the board insisted we take some seminary training. The many trials and experiences we had before finally going to seminary, and also during
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MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS — MAY 1975

(If no address is listed, the address will be found on pages 35 and 36 of the 1975 *Brethren Annual*.)

AFRICA

Mrs. Larry L. Pfahler May 17
Daniel Keith Hocking May 21, 1958

BRAZIL

Mrs. Earle C. Hodgdon May 13
Nathan Allen Johnson May 14, 1959
Mrs. Earnest H. Bearinger May 15

EUROPE

Janine Marie Hammers May 11, 1971

Mrs. David W. Shargel May 23
Mr. Daniel L. Hammers May 25

MEXICO

Mrs. James P. Dowdy May 4
Laura Marguerita Guereña May 9, 1958

IN THE UNITED STATES

Mrs. Larry D. DeArmey May 5
P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, IN 46590.
Miss Grace Byron May 7
Alfran Nursing Home, 2501 E. Center St., Warsaw, IN 46580.
Mr. Larry D. DeArmey May 9
P. O. Box 588, Winona Lake, IN 46590.
Marilyn Joy Johnson May 17, 1957
c/o Mr. John Keller, 1147 Eastern, Wooster, OH 44691.

EASTER GREETINGS

Blessings to you at this special season. The suffering of Christ on the cross, the glorious resurrection of Christ from the tomb and the power and glory of Christ in heaven can change your life. If it hasn't already . . . why not now?

SMM REMINDER

Next month's WMC pages will include an offering slip for the annual SMM OFFERING. A minimum goal of \$1-a-year-per-member is suggested. Where SMM is involved, WMC has never been satisfied with the minimum! Encourage your council to give toward maximum support of this offering.

STRIVING FOR THE FAITH . . .

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ing the time we were there, proved invaluable for the further training we had to go through before reaching our destination. Our 11 months in Paris studying French, learning to know the people and fitting into a whole new way of life, were just further steps toward Africa and all the implications of becoming missionaries there.

On November 6, 1938, we arrived at our station at Bozoum in what was then French Equatorial Africa. Dr. and Mrs. Orville Jobson were living there at the time. On November 13, Anne, our older daughter, celebrated her second birthday. In May of 1940 Donna, our younger daughter, was born at Bekoro—our first appointment on the field.

Now both of the girls are married

and have families. Anne and her husband, David Farris, and three children live in California; Donna and her husband, Marvin Fuller, and son Mike live in Indiana.

Throughout the years our children have given us much joy as the Lord has proved to us, through them, that whatever we committed to Him, He would care for.

We praise the Lord that in the summer of 1973 He opened the way for us to come back to the Chad when the odds had seemed against us for a while. There are many things which I would like to tell you, but instead I'm going to close with a quotation from David Livingstone: "I do not mention these privations as if I consider them to be sacrifices, for I think that the word ought never to be applied to anything we can do for Him who came down from heaven and died for us." ❧

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Bless the WMC's

As pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Orlando, Florida, I praise God for the assistance of the WMC. They have helped me personally and the church as a whole in so many ways over the past months. It's my desire that every pastor have a strong WMC like the one in Orlando.

May the Lord continue to bless the WMCs across the land.

Yours in Christ,
John L. Diaz, pastor

WMC Editor's note: An exciting part of being an editor is being the first one to read the articles requested. It is even more exciting when an unsolicited article is submitted that shows God's blessings on a group of women who are

dedicated to His service. This report from Orlando, Florida, including testimonies from several ladies, illustrates just that.

The words of an old hymn state, "What a fellowship, what a joy divine." This thought is a good picture of our WMC in Orlando. Each of our ladies joined our "I'd Just Love To" club, and now my job is so easy as we work on projects such as:

Serving something sweet for the boys work on Saturday morning.

Providing dinner to go—for any of our people or friends with a need.

Helping with SMM.

Inviting the missionaries coming our way for a meal.

Stocking our missionary chest with useful items.

We are thankful for our 100 percent membership. Every lady in our church is an active participant in WMC. We praise our wonderful Lord for these blessings and thank Him for giving that sweet spirit to each one.—*Betty Sturgill, president*

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WMC has meant a lot to me this year. I have especially enjoyed the wonderful fellowship with sisters in Christ. The time of reading and studying God's Word has also been a precious experience. The opportunity to learn more about our foreign missionaries has given me a better understanding of their needs. Finally, I count it a privilege to support our pastor in prayer as he ministers to us.

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WMC has been a wonderful experience this year. There has really been a unity of spirit among our women. Each woman is using her special talent for the Lord's work. It has been a very distinct pleasure to work with a group of women who are joyfully furthering the work of our church.

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I cannot begin to tell—in a short testimony—what WMC means to me. It has been a time for me to learn of what Christ can do for me as a wife and mother. It has also helped me to learn about myself—where I can best serve the Lord.

An opportunity to give a mission study gave me wisdom in praying for our missionaries and their needs.

The Bible studies have helped me to develop as a "Woman Manifesting Christ." What better way is there to serve than by learning together with other women with the same needs and having fellowship together and praying together?

With the Lord as our guide we will have wisdom and knowledge, seasoned with grace, to rule the world victoriously by our faith in Him.

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Winter comes in France, too. The Chateau has no central heating to warm those long winter nights. Give to the project of providing this central heat through the National WMC Foreign Mission Offering. Start now and keep right on giving through March, April and May.



Transparent Life

By Mrs. Tina Huggins

Looking back to the day my parents dedicated me to the Lord, I can see how not only has the Lord guided me since then, but how He has honored my parents' desires in dedicating me for service. Being married to a man who has committed himself to the Lord's work, our ministry is youth. We can only praise the Lord for what He is doing in our lives and in the lives of the teenagers with whom we work.

As a teenager my own life was enriched greatly by concerned Christian youth leaders. The thought, then, of spending my life helping teens sounded exciting and rewarding. And it has been!

A little over two years ago we accepted the responsibilities of volunteer youth sponsors of the high school youth group of our local church. There were some real challenges from the very beginning of our ministry. Becoming personally involved in each teen's life was foremost. Somehow in just two short years I had forgotten what it was like as a high schooler. I had forgotten how foreign "adult youth sponsors" who wanted to help seemed to me. All of a sudden my roles were reversed, and there I was trying to reach out to some teens who looked at me as one of those "adult youth sponsors."

Being vibrant, youthful, and "with it" are all probably helpful to youth ministry, but I found much more important was just being genuinely concerned and honest with the teens. I wanted to be transparent so that the teens could really observe God working in my life. I tried to get them to open up and share by opening up my own life and sharing with them first. This was what began to break down barriers and develop rapport.

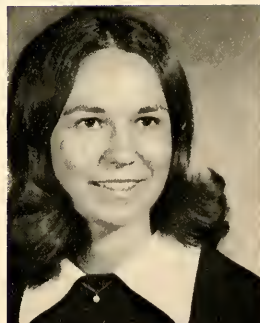
I had an extremely busy schedule that first year. I was attending college full time, working part time, and trying to be the Christian wife God wanted me to be. From the very begin-

ning God was teaching me that time was my worst enemy, but also my most important resource. I started to look for time-conserving ways to develop deeper relationships with several of the high school girls. One thing the Lord used was small Bible study groups. I met with several girls weekly in a small group which proved to bring us closer as we searched the Scriptures together for answers to problems which we held in common. All the girls really began to open up in these private times.

Planned times like the Bible study groups and youth meetings allowed us to help the teens, but I found just doing everyday things together with the teens presented great opportunities for ministry. I invited some of the girls to go shopping, or help me sew or bake. These were informal times which the Lord gave me to lend an ear to problems and to give some Biblical counsel and advice. The Lord certainly taught us many things that year.

A lot has changed since then. Kevin, my husband, is currently serving as a youth pastor. I have finished college and am teaching mentally retarded children. The church has provided us with a house which is our home as well as an open youth center to our jr. high and high school students. I have to continually thank the Lord for providing a teaching position for me which allows me to be at home when the teens drop by.

One of the greatest privileges God has given to us is that of being able to watch our teens grow as they share their faith with others and express their desires and burdens to Christ. These sharing times in our youth meet-



Mrs. Tina Huggins

ings are often our most intimate experiences with the teens. It is very rewarding to hear the teens sharing and encouraging others in the same way as I have been able to encourage them.

My prayer is that the Lord will continue to shape me into the kind of person that is worthy to represent Him to the teens. If my life could be an open book to the teenagers, I pray that they would see me trusting in the Lord with all my heart and leaning not on my own understanding, but in all my ways acknowledging Him.

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Something new from Grace College

Taking Religious Drama to the Church

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Cover Photo: Drama is a strong tradition at Grace College and will be used this Spring as a medium for communicating spiritual truths to Brethren churches. Playing leads in the school's fall dramatic production were Jane Fretz of Winona Lake, Indiana, and David Ogden of Warsaw, Indiana (Photo by Terry White).



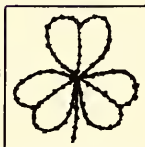
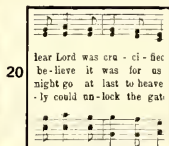
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Dear Editor,

Thank you for the gift of the children's Bible story book for our waiting room. I certainly feel happier with this book than the "Uncle Arthur" ones which had been placed unsolicited by some unidentified friend.—Physician, Indiana

Dear Editor,

To let you know that today (Feb. 5) we received "Daily Devotions" in

great shape. Should I "thank" the Postmaster General for such good service? The print shop has done an excellent job again. We are really proud to hand these to anybody. They've got class.—Washington

Dear Editor,

In reference to your editorial "The News Gives Me the Blues"... Cheer up. I, too, was more than disheartened with Blue Monday, Black Tuesday,

Gloom and Doom Wednesday, Tragic Thursday and the Frantic Friday. Not to mention Sadistic Saturday and Sunday's massacres described in living color. So I began writing a humor column, after much prayer, and now have a weekly column called "Organized Chaos" appearing in the newspapers. We as Christians can, if not fight 'em, counteract them! Please bear in mind that poor Walter Cronkite, and all those other men have writers. They are not necessarily reading their OWN garbage. I could get depressed thinking of their jobs—day after endless night reporting on the depravity of man....

We need more Christians in the secular news media. Don't—I beg—turn in your press card! You earned yours and only the Lord knows when you will be able to use this card as a witness for Him. Even if perchance at the scene of a tragedy.—California



Reflections By Still Waters

What's Wrong With the World?

By Charles W. Turner
Editor

Eating alone is not one of the great delights of my life; thus I always sit at the counter when I'm alone. Many important issues of the day are settled by the "talkers" who gather at the restaurant counters. The service is usually faster and waitresses are more cheerful. Those who must run half a block to wait on a booth in the back of the room are usually in a bad mood from the long trip.

Several years ago I stopped to have

lunch at a restaurant and was just relaxing when I saw a young man come in the door. He had on an overcoat and the longest scarf I had ever seen. He headed straight for the counter and the stool next to mine. When he sat down he gave his scarf a flip—draping it over me. The experience unsettled me for a moment, but I reluctantly waited to see what would happen. He soon turned to me and said: "Do you know what is wrong with this world, Mister?" My first impulse was to say: "Yes, one of the things wrong is your scarf around my neck." He, however, spotted the problem and quickly removed it with an apology.

I was not to be spared his philosophy though. He said the problems of this world stemmed from the fact that everyone wanted to do the same thing at the same time. His wisdom fascinated me and I waited for his next gem of explanation. Again, I did not have to wait too long. He proceeded to tell me that everyone wanted to go to work at the same time which resulted in morning traffic jams. "True," I admitted. Continuing his words of wisdom he said: "Then everyone wants to go home at the same time—another traffic jam." I found myself unable to argue with such profound logic. He further pointed out the reason we were sitting in a crowded restaurant at noon was because everyone wanted to eat at the same time. A thought

crossed my mind that my friend might help to solve this problem if he would eat at 1:15 p.m. when the rush was over! I suppressed this brilliant idea for just a moment. The time had not yet come to voice my opinions.

While eating my soup and sandwich I listened, thinking that one greater than Plato or Aristotle had come on the scene. Finally he ran out of steam, and my first opportunity came as his food arrived. I thought he had a right to his opinion concerning the cause of the problems of the world, but I, too, had some rights and prerogatives. I acknowledged his premise was worthy of consideration, but I felt the problems were much deeper than the schedule he was seeking to maintain. The existing conditions could be in man himself rather than in his hour of eating and sleeping and going to work. I proposed that man's difficulty was to be found in the fact that he was really rebelling against authority. This authority included both that of God and man. Man was a selfish, willful being who would not let God regulate and control His own creation. God's way included salvation and obedience to the Sovereign's will.

I could see my winter-clad friend had encountered a discussion on which he had not planned. His frustration at being crowded in an increasingly crowded world had now turned more to a personal introspection of his own condition. His lunch disappeared as rapidly as possible, and he showed an unmistakable desire to be on his way. He politely thanked me for the chat, gathered up his scarf, and headed for the cashier—where he stood in line to pay his check. (Seems everyone had decided to pay his bill at the same time!)

As he disappeared through the door to get into his car and head back to work, it made me think. How many people are there who believe they know the cause of this world's ills? They have the answer. They blame everyone and everything for the problems, while all the time they are carrying the cause in their own hearts. In the selfish striving to get all possible, as soon as possible; rebellion and sin against God are responsible for creating the chaos.

There is an answer. It is to be found in God through submission to Him and His divine will.



There's quite a view from the front door of the church.

Importunity Is the Key at Colorado Springs



By Pastor Tom Inman

A dedication in January in Colorado? Brrr! Yes, the date for the dedication of our church building was set for January 19. A blizzard did pass through the night before but dedication day dawned beautifully beyond our fondest dreams! Rev. Robert W. Thompson, western field secretary for The Brethren Home Missions Council, was our dedication speaker and led a Dedication Crusade following the service. Arriving two days early, he was put to work helping with last minute completion details. He spoke on Saturday morning to 21 of our men who gathered at 6:30 a.m. (an every Satur-



Pastor and Mrs. Thomas Inman (left) have been with the church since Bible-study days. Scotty Morrell (above) catches a nap on cleanup day.

day occasion) before busying themselves in preparing the building for the "white glove" inspection at the close of the day! On Sunday 141 studied the Word during the Sunday School hour and 182 attended the morning worship service (a near record for us) and three decisions were made public! Two hundred forty-four of the church family and friends participated in the Dedication Service, including delegations from our Denver and Arvada churches. Mrs. Bonnie Berg of Colby, Kansas, sang "The King Is Coming" as a finale—fitting since our sanctuary's decor is purple and white.

Importunity is a seldomly used word. However, it expresses what I see as the key to the establishment of a testimony for the Lord here in Colorado Springs. It also describes the building of a fine facility to God's glory! A loose translation of importunity might be—a holy dogged determination. That is exactly what the development of a home missions point takes! When the Larry Huelsman family moved to the Springs from our church in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, they exercised importunity in implementing their desire for a Brethren church here. First, they visited as often as possible

our church in Denver. Then they suggested a Bible study in their home which became a reality in 1968 and continued for the two years following.

It was in the fall of '70 that God called us, the Inman family, to leave a 17-year ministry and begin a new work in the Springs with just 17 folk. God blessed from the very beginning with continuing growth in this unique city of 200,000 people. Often thought of as a "tourist town," Colorado Springs is in reality more military than recreational. There are five military installations in the area with a 55 percent military and military-related population! This means that in a two-year span folks must be won to Christ, trained and involved before they move on to another assignment.

With rapidly increasing attendances in all services, the need for a permanent facility became pressing. We had

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Building Committee Chairman Will Langness (left) presents keys to (l to r) Trustees Marvin Parker, Fred Schroeder, and Gene Langness.



Larry Huelsman (top) got the "Springs" Bible study underway. Vice Moderator Kim Morrell (bottom) led in dedication prayer.

IMPORTUNITY IS . . .

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met in a school gymnasium, basements of a number of homes, a family room, and several church buildings of other denominations on occasion. We even used the base chapel at Fort Carson for baptism. With the direction of The Brethren Home Missions Council and the financial assistance of the Brethren Investment Foundation, plans were completed and ground was broken in October of last year. Much of the work was done by our church people under the able leadership of Will Langness, chairman of the building committee.

Our facilities include a sanctuary which seats 216 and, with choir loft, balcony and overflow, we can easily accommodate 315. In addition we have a nursery, study, fellowship hall, fireside room and kitchen. The garden level has been exposed on one side to allow entrance at ground level there as well as at the main floor level. The large conversation porch faces toward the towering Rockies for a vista beyond compare! This area has been dubbed the "conversion" porch, too, since we trust it will foster informal sharing of Christ.

Our membership now numbers 70 with several awaiting baptism. December averages reached new highs of 141

in Sunday School, 168 in morning worship and 113 for the evening "Mountain Top" hour. We fully realize both as pastor and people that the need for *importunity* is not over and will not be until the King comes! We have found that He has done and continues to "do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think!" ☪

Dedication Service Launches Crusade

God's faultless leading directed us to hold a Crusade in conjunction with our Dedication. It began the evening following the dedication service and continued throughout the week. In spite of a flu epidemic in the "Springs," our attendance averaged over 80 and several decisions for Christ were made. One evening Bob Thompson announced that we would do something that had never been done before in the "Springs." After the people set the attendance goals, he informed them of their possible reward. Namely, if our Sunday morning worship service numbered 225 the pastor would sing a solo in the evening service (perish the thought!). And if it reached 250 Bob would accompany him on the guitar (imagine!). The congregation accepted the challenge and went to work with mailings, phone calls, home visitation and even spots on a local radio station. The result? Two hundred and twelve people were present on Sunday morning. Even the advertising manager from the radio station was there with his family! Our previous "high" for a service was 185.

Although the goals were not reached, the special was presented in gratitude for the congregation's hard work. "Gold record" plaques were presented to both the pastor and evangelist for their "courage." Also, a lovely cake made by one of our ladies was presented to Rev. Bob Thompson. It was enjoyed by all in the fellowship hall following the closing evening service.

Taylors Take On Another Home Mission Church

Rev. and Mrs. (Elaine) Terry Taylor have accepted the call to the Hope Grace Brethren Church, Hope, New Jersey. They started the big job of developing a Brethren Home Missions church in that city on February 1, 1975.

Pastor Taylor graduated from Grace Seminary and became the first full-time pastor for the Grace Brethren Church, Lexington, Ohio. This church grew under his ministry. A building program was completed and he saw the church become self-supporting within a four-year period.

The Taylors have served for an interim period at the Grace Brethren Church, Manheim, Pennsylvania. The Manheim men assisted in moving the Taylors to their new home missions ministry. This saved the local church and The Brethren

Home Missions Council a sizable number of dollars. (Thanks, Men!). Pennsylvania is home to the Taylors and Hope, New Jersey, is just "across the border."

This work has been developing under the leadership of the Northern Atlantic District Mission Board, and the district pastors have been filling the pulpit each Sunday for a number of months. The Brethren Home Missions Council has accepted the work and will be assisting the local church and district to provide a full-time salary for the Taylors.

The Hope Grace Brethren

Church is presently meeting in the St. Luke's Episcopal Church with a full schedule of Sunday services and a midweek Bible study and prayer time.

Developing a Brethren Home Missions church today is difficult. The Taylors' desire to tackle another one is commendable. It will take the prayers of our Brethren people to accomplish the goal. Join your prayers with these Hope Brethren, the Northern Atlantic District and The Brethren Home Missions Council to develop a self-supporting Brethren church in Hope, New Jersey. ☛

Rev. and Mrs. Terry Taylor



A home-mission church in Northern Indiana has grown from seven families to an average attendance of 600 in five years. Dr. Lester Pifer, executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, interviewed Pastor David Jeremiah about the key to the growth.

A Pastor's Discovery Becomes a Church's Success

Pastor
David Jeremiah,
Blackhawk Baptist
Church,
Fort Wayne,
Indiana



The beautiful story of what happens when a young man just out of seminary faces his responsibility and personal evangelism as a pastor-teacher is now being unfolded in a home mission church in Northern Indiana. For some time we've been hearing of testimonies of people being saved at the Blackhawk Baptist Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, pastored by Rev. Dave Jeremiah. A radio ministry, television ministry, a growing church, an excited group of people and a new Christian Day School are the wonderful results of what can happen when an evangelism explosion takes place. I made a trip to this church to get an on-the-spot view of what God is doing and to tape a testimony of how this wonderful story began.

Pifer: Pastor Dave, I understand that there was a certain point in your ministry where you really got interested in personal evangelism.

Jeremiah: Well, you're right! I guess, like a lot of seminarians, I came out of Dallas in 1967 somewhat under the influence of theory, and felt in my own heart that all I needed was a pulpit. I thought if I could just get behind that pulpit and preach, then men and women would come to hear and ultimately in some mysterious way they would get saved, and the church would grow. I remember the day when I was seated in my study and recognized the options that were open to our church for growth. One option was transfer growth. Then I thought of a church across town that was a notable church in our fellowship and realized that no one would come to a little group like

ours if that church were available. Another option I considered was that of physical growth from new-born babies into the families that were already attending. But I wasn't sure I was ready to wait that long for growth to take place! As I began to read the Word I realized the only way a church could grow in God's way was for there to be spiritual multiplication. The thought struck me that though I had been through college and seminary, both very good schools and I had many courses in evangelism, that I was quite unprepared to go out and effectively lead people to Christ. I said to the Lord: "If You can't allow me the joy of being a soul winner in the truest sense of the word, then I ought to get out of the ministry because I don't want to spend my life trying to cover up my ineffectiveness in this area." I was also aware of the fact that I could not teach somebody else what I didn't know. I committed myself that day to become what I wanted my people to be. It was not a week from that point that God gave me the first soul as a pastor—even through my stumbling presentation of the Gospel. From that point to this day a number of things have happened to bring me to the place of seeing evangelism in its proper place in a pastor's life and in the church's life.

Pifer: You really feel then that personal evangelism on your own part set an example and gave you an illustration that really transformed your ministry?

Jeremiah: Without question! I am convinced of the fact that if I had not come to the place where I was personally involved in evangelism, there would not be people in our church today who are personally involved in evangelism. We started from scratch. We did not inherit people who were soul winners.

Pifer: Has visitation and outreach created new avenues for your minis-

try?

Jeremiah: Yes, visitation and evangelism has opened many doors to our community. I can name numbers of families in our church today who are saved, walking with the Lord, and involved in the leadership of the church as a result of our visitation program. In fact, just the other day I was looking at my board of deacons in this respect. I think of the 11 men on the board, five of them are men who personally came to know Jesus Christ through this church. They have grown and become a part of this fellowship.

Pifer: What about your ministry through television and radio?

Jeremiah: I consider sometimes television and radio to be pre-evangelism in a sense. You know, it is used to break down the stony hearts of the people in the community. First of all, they must accept this place as a legitimate option for them to go to church. I'm sure it is true in the Brethren Church, too, but there are a lot of people who have strange ideas about the Baptists. Many times the radio and television opens the door for them to come to church. We have seen a number of direct results from this avenue of approach. . . . But I have a personal conviction that God will only send us the people that we are prepared to take care of. And if we are not trained to handle the people that come to our church, even as prospects, we do not deserve the privilege of discipling them.

Pifer: What has it done for the growth rate of your church and the Sunday School?

Jeremiah: In the past five years, we have grown approximately 100 per year. The church started with seven families, and today we have a Sunday School that averages considerably over 500 and a morning worship service that runs in excess of 600. I would certainly attribute a large part of that

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Dr. Lester E. Pifer

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A PASTOR'S DISCOVERY . . .

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growth to the salvation and discipleship of believers who have been won through the ministry of evangelism.

Pifer: This is tremendous, Dave. Have you been able to get the cooperation and involvement of your people in the program?

Jeremiah: One of the problems that often comes into a pastorate when we get excited about evangelism is that we want to do it overnight. I recognize the foolishness of this thinking because of some sound advice I have received from older pastors. I began about four years ago by training one man and then in turn he and I trained four others. Finally, today we have about 55 to 60 people involved in our evangelism training program who are faithful week in and week out going out to share the Gospel. But it didn't happen easily or quickly. We selectively chose people and trained them over a period of four years.

Pifer: Can you describe a little bit in detail what type of program you have for training?

Jeremiah: We are involved almost exclusively in the Coral Ridge program, *Evangelism Explosion*. We have made a few adaptations, but we use James Kennedy's book and we continue to see the Lord using this approach in the lives of our people.

Pifer: What about new people that come to know the Lord. Are they getting involved in this type of program?

Jeremiah: We've discovered that the new converts are the best soul winners because they can still remember what it was like to be lost. They're excited about going out to share their faith. So we encourage them as soon as possible to get in evangelism explosion. We have many people who are won to Christ in one cycle and become trainers or trainees in the next cycle as we go through the evangelism program again.

Pifer: After being in the ministry for these years, what advice and counsel would you give to a young graduating seminarian who is starting out to

build a new church?

Jeremiah: First of all, I think we need to get the mysticism and the fables about the ministry out of our minds. A church cannot grow unless the pastor has a heart for evangelism. As I said at the beginning, one of the fables we all have is that if we can just get a pulpit, people will just flock to hear us. I think most pastors discover that doesn't happen! We need to understand that we are called to be pastor-teachers. It is our job to train, not just to teach—and there is a difference. As trainers we must be involved in the process! We must teach our people what we ourselves have internalized. The pastor, I believe, has to be the leader. He has to go ahead of his

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people. It is the pastor's responsibility to show them the way. By his own example, as Paul said to Timothy, we must do the work of an evangelist and be involved in sharing the truth of God's Word.

Pifer: Could you give us just one illustration of some young man or woman that you've led to the Lord who has really been involved in this program?

Jeremiah: It wouldn't be hard for me to do that. I could pick any number of them. But let me tell you about the young man who closed the service in prayer tonight. His name is Gene McCoy. He is probably one of the biggest men I've ever met—6'9" and weighs about 340 pounds. He had been a Roman Catholic all of his life until one of his friends invited him to this church. About a year and a half ago I went to his home with two other people to share the Gospel. He had

many deep questions about the truth and was not ready to make a commitment to Christ. However, he began to come to church both Sunday morning, Sunday night and even to prayer meeting. He heard the Gospel over and over again. I would often watch him from the pulpit and see him struggling during the invitation with his decision. One Wednesday night I saw him walk in and I said, "Hey, I want to talk to you." I brought him in and I said: "Gene, you know you've been waiting a long time and you've heard the Gospel for a number of months. Don't you think it's time you got this matter settled?" And he said, "Pastor, I really am ready." Together we got down on our knees and that night Gene McCoy opened his heart to receive Jesus Christ. Two weeks ago on Thursday I was home with the flu and wasn't able to attend visitation. At 10:30 my phone rang and it was Gene. He said: "Pastor, I know you're not feeling good, but I didn't think you would mind if I called you to tell you that I just had the joy of leading my first soul to Jesus Christ." A young lady came to know Christ as her personal Saviour. I guess I should share this sidelight. She came forward in the service the next Sunday and when I saw her in the hallway I introduced myself and told her I was her spiritual grandfather. She looked at me quite unknowingly, so I explained to her that it had been just a little over a year ago that I had the joy of leading Gene McCoy to Christ. Now I had seen him have the joy of leading her to Christ. I don't know how you can compare the joys of the pastorate, but that certainly has to be one of the greatest! It is exciting to see your people catching hold of this truth and going out to do the job to which God has called all of us.

Our GROW materials and program have been designed and are available. However, as Pastor Jeremiah has stated, unless the pastor recognizes the need for personal evangelism, there will be no growth. All of our Brethren home mission points need this kind of an evangelism experience in their foundational years. ☞

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NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

Roanoke, Va. Mr. G. Douglas Witt has accepted the call as youth pastor of the Patterson Memorial Brethren Church. He will graduate from Shenandoah Bible College of Roanoke this May. Daniel Eshleman, pastor.

Hagerstown, Md. The Calvary Brethren Church has extended a call to **Rev. Curtis Stroman** to become pastor. He began his ministry on a part-time basis Mar. 2. He will devote full time to the pastorate in June when he and his family move to the area. Their address will be 241 Bryan Pl., Hagerstown, Md. 21740. Please change your *Annual*.

Northwest District. Three Brethren girls from this district have recently received recognition as city queens. Miss **Jenni Terrell**, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John Terrell, was named "Miss Sunnyside." Miss **Lyn Cherry**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cherry was named "Miss Yakima." Miss **Brenda Norwood**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Norwood, was named "Miss Kent." William H. Schaffer, correspondent.



Mrs. Maude McDonald of Alexandria, Va., holds her Faithful Service Award.

Alexandria, Va. A surprise party was given honoring Mrs. **Maude McDonald** on her 80th birthday Jan. 26. A member of the Grace Brethren Church for 18 years, she received a Faithful Service Award and a religious painting from the WMC. Birthday cake and punch were served. Kenneth L. Teague, pastor.

Washington, D.C. (EP)—The National Religious Broadcasters, at their 32nd annual meeting here, inducted four persons into the newly established Religious Broadcasting Hall of Fame.

Posthumous awards were given to the late Dr. Charles F. Fuller, founder in 1924 of "The Old-Fashioned Revival Hour," and the late Dr. Walter A. Maier, first speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" which went on the air in 1930.

Receiving their Hall of Fame trophies in person were Dr. John E. Zoller, at age 85, the oldest living radio religious broadcaster; and Dr. Clarence W. Jones, co-founder of the Voice of the Andes shortwave missionary radio station, HCJB in Quito, Ecuador.

Kokomo, Ind. **Rev. Larry Gegner** will begin as pastor of the Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church Mar. 24. His address will be 5820 Council Ring Blvd., Kokomo, Ind. 46901. Please change your *Annual*.

Elkhart, Ind. **Rev. Robert Crees** is serving as Minister of Visitation at the Grace Brethren Church. His address remains the same as listed in the *Annual*.

Camden, Ohio. **Rev. Arthur Sprunger** is now pastor of the First Brethren Church. His address is 189 N. Second St., Camden, Ohio 45311. Please change your *Annual*.

Parkersburg, W. Va. In June, **Rev. Melvin Hobson** will terminate 11 years of pastoral ministry at the Grace Brethren Church. His future plans are indefinite.

In recent meetings with **Rev. Nathan Meyer**, there were 16 public decisions, one to receive Christ.

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Rosemont Grace Brethren Church, Martinsburg, W. Va.
Gay Street Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.
Calvary Brethren Church, Kettering, Ohio
Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind.
Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.

In addition to our Brethren churches listed above, the Wheaton Christian Grammar School and several Baptist churches have placed orders for full-color bulletins.

For further information regarding a bulletin for your church, write to Charles W. Turner, Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind.

Kinshasa, Zaire (EP)—President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire has threatened to close down all Roman Catholic churches in the country, government-controlled Kinshasa Radio reported. The broadcast said the threat was made by the President at a public rally here. It said the President charged that the Catholic Church in Zaire had “continually opposed official policy decisions” by the government. It quoted Mr. Sese Seko, who was baptized a Catholic, as saying he would shut down the churches if the clergy persisted in “commenting” in Zairean politics, or in distributing leaflets critical of government policies.

Change. Rev. H. Fenton McDonald, 1439 Melwood Dr., San Jose, Calif. 95118. Please change your *Annual*.

Washington, D.C. (EP)—President Gerald R. Ford, appearing before some 100 Senators, Representatives, Ambassadors and government officials, besides more than 1,000 delegates at the Congressional Breakfast of the National Religious Broadcasters here Jan. 28, urged his listeners to “keep strong the spiritual and moral ties that bind us together as a nation,” and added that “all of us need the sure guidance of God in whatever we do.”

Quoting Proverbs 3:5-6, to which his Bible was opened as he took the oath of office as President, Mr. Ford stressed the fundamental principle of the separation of church and state, but viewed the Constitutional decree as one “never intended to separate public morality from public policy.”

The President spoke following a message by Billy Zeoli, president of Gospel Films, Muskegon, Mich., in which he applied the required discipline of sports to that of all-out effort required to succeed in the Christian life.

The National Religious Broadcasters is an association of religious broadcasting organizations comprising about three-quarters of the total religious radio and TV programs in the USA. Dr. Ben Armstrong serves as NRB Executive Secretary in the Morristown, N.J., national headquarters.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Irene Geisweidt and Robert Blough, Jr., Oct. 7, Grace Brethren Church, Jenners, Pa.

Sandra Meadows and O. V. Watts, Dec. 28, Clayhole Brethren Church, Clayhole, Ky. Ceremony performed by Rev. Sewell Landrum, assisted by Rev. Richard Boggs.

Kim Stringer and David Goehring, Jan. 11, First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Connie Smith and Dennis Brock, Jan. 25, Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind.

Betty Jo Helmbold and Steve Petry, Feb. 22, First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Marcia Magers and Donald Albany, Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio. Ceremony performed by Rev. Quentin Matthes, assisted by Rev. John S. Neely.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Findlay, Ohio. Mar. 23-28; Glenn R. Coats, pastor; George Hamblin, speaker.

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Mar. 23-28; Merlin Berkey, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

Maitland, Fla. Mar. 30-Apr. 6; R. Paul Miller, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

Waynesboro, Pa. Mar. 30-Apr. 6; Wendell Kent, pastor; Charles Turner, speaker.

Vandalia, Ohio. Apr. 6-11; Everett Caes, pastor, Bill Smith, speaker.

In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

BROWN, Florence, Feb. 5. She was a member of the West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio. Robert Holmes, pastor.

CLINE, Laura Jean, 7, Jan. 24. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Cline of the Grace Brethren Church, Elkhart, Ind. Robert Kern, pastor.

DALEY, Gayell, 79, Aug. 31. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, for 49 years. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

HOLE, Charles, Nov. 10. He was from the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

LANDRUM, Serena, 97, Jan. 25. She was the mother of Rev. Clyde Landrum and Rev. Sewell Landrum, both Brethren ministers. A memorial service was held in Clayhole, Ky.

MATTHEWS, Nell, 70, Sept. 6. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, for 37 years. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

MYERS, Bertha Mae, 81, Feb. 3. She was a deaconess in the First Brethren Church of Washington, D.C., for 25 years. She was the mother of Rev. M. Lee Myers of Roanoke, Va., and Mrs. P. Fredrick Fogle of Delavan, Wis. The funeral was held at Mechanicsburg, Pa.

SHIPLEY, Carrie, 90, Nov. 10. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, for 41 years. All three of her sons are active members in the Dayton First Church. Harry Shipley is a member of the board of trustees of The Brethren Home Missions Council. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

SMITH, Homer, 83, Nov. 14. He was a member of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, for 49 years. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

SMITH, Robert W., Jan. 29. He was a member of the Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church, Kokomo, Ind.

SNIDER, Claude, 83, Jan. 20. He attended the First Brethren Church of Martinsburg, Pa., and was a longtime supporter of Brethren ministries. He was the father of Rev. R. Wayne Snider, professor at Grace Schools, and Mrs. Charles Koontz of Winona Lake, Ind. William Snell, pastor.

TRISSEL, Emma, 64, Nov. 26. She served as a deaconess for 15 years at the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

WOODFORD, Harry, 73, Feb. 2. He attended the Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va. M. Lee Myers, pastor.



The Mathematics of God's Grace

By the late Dr. Alva J. McClain
*Founder and First President
 Grace Theological Seminary*

There are at least three possible ways in which a theological system can be constructed for the purpose of putting the Christian under law:

a. A system which would place the Christian under the total law, including all its elements and pen-

alties. This is pure Judaism.

b. A system which would place the Christian under the moral law and its penalties. This is moral legalism.

c. A system which would place the Christian under the moral law stripped of its proper penalties. This might be called a "weak and beggarly" legalism (cf. Gal. 4:9).

It is this third system that de-

serves the severest criticism.

It employs an unscriptural terminology, taking only one element of the law and divesting even that of its sanctions, and then calls it "the law of God." In the Bible "the law" is a unity which includes all its elements with its penalties.

Claiming to honor the law of God, the system actually dishonors the law, especially because it reduces the holy law of a holy God to the level of mere good advice, comparable to some of the legalistic functions of the United Nations organization.

This ultimately moves in the direction of theological disaster, bringing and compounding confusion into our views of sin, of salvation, of the work of Christ and even of the doctrine of God.

Worst of all, this abstraction of the moral element from the ceremonial element in Old Testament law, and its imposition upon the Christian as a rule of life, has a grave spiritual and moral danger. For it is precisely this ceremonial element which provides the context of grace for the moral element, and this context of grace provides the great motivating principle which secures the fulfillment of the moral element of the law. Thus this kind of legalistic morality defeats itself.

The Word of God condemns unsparingly all attempts to put the Christian believer "under the law." The Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul gave to the church the Book of Galatians for the very purpose of dealing with this heresy. Read this epistle over and over, noting carefully the precise error with which the writer deals. It is not a total rejection of the gospel of God's grace and a turning back to a total legalism. It is rather the error of saying that the Christian life, having begun by simple faith in

Christ, must thereafter continue under the law or some part of it. This is clear from the apostle's indignant charge: "This only would I learn of you, Receive ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect in the flesh?" (3:2-3). Little wonder that he begins the chapter with a cry of astonishment, "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth . . . ? (3:1).

And having pursued his devastating argument against this type of legalism through chapter 3 and into chapter 4, showing that the redemption of God in Christ has set us free from all the bondage of the law, he again asks with irony, "But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?" (4:9). And then he adds, "I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain" (4:11). "Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" (5:7). As for the preacher who had introduced this heresy among the flock, Paul writes by inspiration of the Holy Ghost, "He that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be" (5:10).

That this matter was no mere case of theological hairsplitting (as some today are accustomed to charge) is made clear in the very beginning of the Book of Galatians. In seeking to add some modicum of law to the gospel of God's grace, these legalistic teachers are preaching "another gospel" (1:6). Paul hastens, however, to add that what they are preaching is really "not another" gospel at all, for the very meaning of the term "gospel" ex-

cludes all works of law. And so, strange as it may seem to some, for anyone to add any law (no matter how worthy) to the simple good news of God's grace in Christ, is actually to destroy the gospel as gospel! It is no longer gospel at all!

And so the problem becomes very simple: Either Christ will save you by grace through faith plus nothing, or He will not save you at all! As a matter of fact, even an omnipotent God can save sinners in only one way—that is, by grace.

If even the smallest item of the law should be added to the gospel and made binding upon believers, so that the requirement now becomes "believe" plus something else in order to be saved, the soul which accepts this "plus something else" automatically becomes "a debtor to do the whole law" (5:3). For such a one, the apostle warns, "Christ shall profit you nothing" (5:2).

And so the problem becomes very simple: Either Christ will save you by grace through faith plus nothing, or He will not save you at all! As a matter of fact, even an omnipotent God can save sinners in only one way—that is, by grace. Because of what God is and because of what we are, there is no other way. Paradoxical as it may seem, this is one place where the addition of something finite actually results in a subtraction which is infinite. Such is the mathematics of grace. If the sinner adds anything, he loses everything. If he adds nothing, he wins everything.

Understanding this, we can then accept sympathetically the ultimatum of Galatians: "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed" (Gal. 1:8).

Adapted from Dr. Alva J. McClain's book Law and Grace, published by BMH Books, Winona Lake, Indiana.

News Notes from Grace College

Progress toward Regional Accreditation at Grace College continues with the recent receipt of the report of a North Central Association diagnostic team which visited the campus in November. Citing Grace for its "most striking . . . strong sense of commitment of students and faculty to the goals, purposes, and procedures of the college," the team recommended that Grace pursue plans to apply for full accreditation this spring—a year earlier than originally planned. A comprehensive Self-Study document is now under preparation by Institutional Self-Study Committee Chairman Dr. Vance Yoder and Self-Study Coordinator Terry White, which will be presented to NCA by May 1, 1975. A diagnostic team visit should come in the fall, with a decision on full accreditation being reached next spring.

The 24th Annual Grace Bible Conference was held February 11-14 on campus. Dr. Paul R. Bauman, formerly with the Grace administration, presented illustrated lectures on the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy. Dr. James Engel of the Wheaton (Ill.) College graduate school communications faculty presented a stimulating set of lectures to the combined college and seminary student bodies on the application of communication and decision-making models to evangelism. Dr. Howard Sugden, pastor of the South Baptist Church of Lansing, Michigan, spoke on practical aspects of the ministry. Many pastors, alumni and friends of Grace Schools returned for the conference, including approximately 60 who attended the seminary alumni banquet Wednesday evening of the week. Many conference guests also saw the Lancers drop a "heart-breaker" to Indiana Tech, 100-98, in an MCC basketball thriller on Tuesday night.

Enrollment Figures for Second Semester are now com-

plete, showing a slight drop in the college but an identical enrollment with first semester for the seminary. In the graduate school the 321 figure remained stable, although some 24 new students entered the seminary at midyear. In the college, the total enrollment went from 731 in the fall to 657 for second semester. Most of the loss was in part-time students, however, with the second semester total of full-time college students standing at 553, up three students from last spring. According to Ron Henry, Director of Admissions and Registrar for the college, applications for next year are running ahead of last year's all-time record enrollment.

A Perfect Grade Point Average for the fall semester was earned by 11 college students. Those completing the semester with a flawless 4.0 mark were Bruce Barlow, Bobbi Cass, Brenda Elder, Sarah Hawley, Eugene Inman, Jr., Barbara Mineely, Daniel Moeller, Karen Murphy, Philip Norris, Dan Ramsey, and Pam Taylor. Others on the Dean's List included Jane Fretz (3.96), Peggy Yoder (3.94), John Pritchard (3.93), Marlene Root (3.93), Alice Wallace (3.93), Dale Lapp (3.92), David Melton (3.92), Ruth Keffer (3.91), Susan Blood (3.90), Rebecca Pappas (3.90).

A Christian Writer's Workshop held by seminary alumnus Norman B. Rohrer, now Executive Secretary of the Évangélical Press Association, on campus January 24 drew some 64 writers and prospective writers for the four-hour instructional session. A free-lance writer with over 11 books and 8,000 articles to his credit, Rohrer was the founder and first editor of the school newspaper, the *Sounding Board*. Free-lance writers came to Grace for the workshop from as far away as Indianapolis and Crawfordsville, Indiana; and Jackson, Michigan.

Easter Vacation Itineraries by traveling representatives of Grace Schools will include the Drama Team, directed by Prof. Stephen Grill, to Ohio and Pennsylvania; Prof. Donald Ogden and the Freshman Choir in the Great Lakes area; "His Followers" musical team to the Northwest; and the baseball and golf teams will go south.

The First Winterim at Grace Schools enrolled nearly 40 students in a short-course style session which took place between Christmas and the beginning of second semester in late January. Marriage and the Family, taught by Prof. Kenneth Taylor, had 21 enrolled. Dr. Donald B. DeYoung had 10 participating in an astronomy course. Seven were enrolled in Rapid Greek Reading taught by Dr. Charles Smith. One college student, Dennis Schultz, participated in a Washington, D.C., journalism internship under the direction of Prof. Terry White.

Dates to Remember for the remainder of the semester include Easter vacation (March 21-30); Missionary Conference, April 8-11; Parents Weekend and Fine Arts Festival (May 10-11); Baccalaureate (7:30 p.m. May 22) and Commencement (10:00 a.m. May 23).

"Were You There?"



Under the direction of Prof. Stephen A. Grill, a newly formed Grace College Drama Team will take an Easter Tour to Ohio and Pennsylvania, March 22-30. This team will use the form of drama known as Reader's Theatre, allowing them to adapt to almost any performing situation, yet providing a message with a deep and moving impact for the audience.

The group's presentation will involve musical selections and individual monologues which focus on the crucifixion, in addition to the central work, "Were You There?" This drama investigates the personalities of those who were in some way involved with the death of Jesus. And it shows that because we possess some of the same attitudes, we are also guilty of His death.

Professor Grill, a 1970 Grace College graduate with the B.A. in Speech, received his M.A. in Theatre from Ball State University in 1972 and is currently working toward the doctorate in speech at Indiana University. In addition to his teaching load, he has the responsibility of preparing the dramatic productions each semester. His

interest in ministering through drama has resulted in the founding of the team.

The eight team members represent all of the college classes and a variety of majors. Rick Coldren (junior) and Christi Coldren (freshman) are brother and sister from Columbus, Ohio. Rick is a music education major with a Bible minor. Christi is a nursing major. Also from Columbus is Mrs. Becky Pappas (junior) whose husband, John, is a middler in Grace Seminary. Becky's major is English and her minor is speech.

From Rittman, Ohio, comes Nancy Emch (junior). Nancy is a music education major and has held supporting roles in the college's spring musicals for the last two years. Majoring in history and minoring in Bible, Dave Griffith (senior) brings to the team wide experience in traveling with gospel teams as well as holding lead roles in the college musicals. Dave's home is Souderton, Pennsylvania. Rowland Kisner (senior) from Akron, Ohio, supports a double major of math education and Bible and was highly commended by the audiences for his lead-

ing role in the Fall '74 dramatic production on campus.

The seventh and eighth team members, both junior speech majors with supporting minors in psychology are Steve Munday from Parkersburg, West Virginia; and Jane Lengyel from Quill Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada.

The team's itinerary will be:

- March 23 (Palm Sunday)**—Grace Brethren, Fremont, Ohio (a.m. service)
- Akron First Brethren, Akron, Ohio (p.m. service)
- March 24—Travel Day**
- March 25—Pike Brethren (7:30 p.m.)** Conemaugh, Pa.
- March 26—Myerstown Grace Brethren (7:30 p.m.)**, Myerstown, Pa.
- March 27—Waynesboro First Brethren (7:30 p.m.)**, Waynesboro, Pa.
- March 28 (Good Friday)**—First Brethren, Uniontown, Pa.
- March 29—Travel Day**
- March 30 (Easter Sunday)**—Southview Grace Brethren, Ashland, Ohio (10:00 a.m.)
- Fort Wayne First Brethren, Fort Wayne, Ind. (p.m. service).

Drama in the Church

"One by one, three dark-robed men stately make their way down the central aisle of the church. The first carries a small golden chest. Brilliantly carved, it glitters with gems. A gold-tassled, satin pillow couches an ancient silver bowl in which the second noble figure brings his offering. With head reverently bent, the last traveler carries an ornate vase in his trembling hands and bows low before a manger scene as did his friends. Mary and Joseph smile as the kings pay their homage to the King of Kings."

"They are alone and worried. Moving the stone from the tomb's entrance demands much more strength than they can provide. But the worries of the women turn to terror and then to delight as they see the angel and hear the glorious message, 'He is not here, for He is risen as He said.'"

These Biblical scenes were taken from two religious presentations: the first is from a seventh century Roman Catholic Liturgical Drama, and the second from a twentieth century Easter Play. Both scenes are timeless in their meaning and importance to the Christian. We identify and associate with the events portrayed and the truths taught, as did Christians of centuries past.

What is it about visualizing these scenes in the mind's eye that gives them added meaning? Even more, why does actually seeing such scenes create the feeling of "being there"? This is drama.

We have been moved to let our imaginations run free. We accept the fact that Johnny (who last month in Sunday School created a disturbance by flying his morning-bulletin paper airplanes) is the angel. We now visualize him as the bearer of the joyful news that Jesus is *not* dead, but alive. We no longer see Johnny . . . we hear

the angel's words. Our involvement is not from the church pew . . . we have been transported back in time, nearly two thousand years, to a garden scene. We thrill at the words as though they had been spoken to us personally.

Drama. It has happened. We have shared in the experience of another through a recreated situation. We appreciate the speaker who uses good illustrations, especially when we can identify with his characters. Such identification takes on a meaning for us that aids our understanding of the basic truths he intends. We become *involved* with the illustration. We *see* and *feel* his point.

The Word of God unfolds drama to us as we become involved with the story of God's people. In Daniel 6, we

"feel good" when Daniel obeys God and prays in his faithful manner—even though the decree has been passed forbidding such. We are "pained" with King Darius as he is tormented by what his own decree forces him to do to beloved Daniel. And we "rejoice" with Darius as we hurry to the den of lions at early morn, and hear Daniel cry, "O King, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me . . ." Such Biblical passages are delights for the mind's eye.

The ordinary drama wants to recreate a situation so that the audience can be a part of it through their imaginations. The religious drama goes farther. It wants to create a scene that will help the audience understand more deeply the truths of God's Holy Word; whether it be to realize that in spite of lions and men, God is faithful, or to experience the thrill of resurrection morning as the women did when they saw the empty tomb.

The more vividly we can imagine the situation, the more completely we can understand its importance. The dramatic production aids our imaginations by supplying certain details. With these items furnished by visual and vocal means, the mind is more free to imagine and feel the depth of the meanings.

To Teach Or To Entertain?

We may well ask, "If it is such a good vehicle, why hasn't drama been used more in the church?"

Modern drama was really given its

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Grace College Senior

birth in the Roman Catholic Church in the sixth century. At that time the dramas presented events from the Scriptures and were quite Biblical. As time went on, however, certain writers of dramatic scripts decided to use the medium to teach doctrine. When improper doctrine was taught, the faithful believers rejected the message and, unfortunately, also the medium.

As the corruption within the Roman Church helped to mark its decline, the secular world saw the drama as a good form of entertainment—not just education. So, drama moved quickly into a nonreligious setting as a source of pleasure, and the need for professionals became apparent. These two facts of history are the groundwork for most of the present-day objections to Christians being involved in drama:

1. A play may be unbiblical or it may use bad theology and therefore teach falsehood.
2. Drama is often associated with professional theatre and the moral problems of actors and actresses.

For these reasons, it is often suggested that Christians should not be involved with drama. But let us look deeper.

If a play is unbiblical or presents an improper theology, lines may be changed to make it acceptable and correct or another play may be chosen. Whenever a religious drama is presented that teaches something opposite to God's Holy Word, the error is in the choosing of that play—not in the fact that it is a play. Further, while many plays are not Biblical stories themselves, yet they are in harmony with Divine Truth.

Drama often takes on associations with moral problems because of the basic need of every human: finding one's self—the search for truth. In some way, every drama represents an involvement in that search. The unchristian actors and actresses are in

search of reality in their everyday lives. But when they represent a character in a drama, they never know if their own personality is the way life should be, or if the character of the play represents truth. Hence, they seek many avenues of life hoping to find the key to satisfaction. In such a search, the pleasures of the moment have great attraction. Without a solid foundation, *any* moral character disintegrates.

How different is the Christian dramatist! Because of a personal relationship with the Living Truth, Jesus Christ, the Christian can take on a temporary portrayal of another person and understand that character's joys or sorrows as related to God's Word.

Good literature of all ages opens doors of experience to the reader, allowing him to share in the creativity and experiences of others, and making him a more understanding and complete person. So, too, the acting of good dramatic roles will broaden one's vision to see the many sides of human feelings and thoughts. The more we understand about people, the better we can communicate our Saviour to them.

On Getting Involved

Consider the possibilities of drama in your own local church. There are no restrictions on who can do it: a youth group, the children in junior church, or perhaps two cooperating adult Sunday School classes could start it off in your church by giving a short play. It is a rewarding experience to communicate through the dramatic medium, touching heartstrings that have been long unused, sharing thoughts no one else in the audience has thought, and helping to "fill-in" the parts of lives that need the experience you share with them.

Many people are frightened at the prospect of memorizing the lines of a play. If this is your case, take heart. The world of drama is fast recognizing another way to present dramatic ex-

perience and we, as Christians, can be in on the "ground floor" of this new field. A relatively untapped resource, with tremendous potential in the church, is the Reader's Theatre, which operates on a few simple principles yet has the same depth of dramatic feeling and involvement as does a play. Reader's Theatre takes a piece of good literature and through the reader's personal familiarity with that literature, communicates it so that the audience shares in the moods and meanings of the work.

One type of Reader's Theatre with which we are all acquainted is the congregational responsive Scripture reading. All it lacks to be true Reader's Theatre is prior preparation in the areas of emphasis, pronunciation, and so forth.

By choosing a well-written religious play or a dramatic passage of Scripture and rehearsing the lines so that they are expressed in meaningful and dramatic ways, a few people can *read*, without moving around to act out the parts, and create drama. The congregation must be willing to imagine that the costumes and props are really present and that the familiar faces are other characters. But if the readers and the listeners each do their part, the result will be a beautiful experience in dramatic interpretation of literature.

Are you interested? Try it. Experiment. You cannot go wrong if you keep the Lord Jesus foremost in your thoughts as you prepare. If you have questions about doing plays or Reader's Theatres, seek out a Christian who has had experience with *good* drama and theatre, or consult some of the excellent books on the subjects.

Our Creator has endowed us with the emotions and feelings that are touched by drama. To learn the depths of the truths of God in this area is precious and sweet. May we help? We will be glad to, that Jesus might receive glory and honor, and that the richness of religious drama might be yours. ☉

A Sermon in Song

One of Shakespeare's characters in *As You Like It* speaks of finding "books in the running brooks" and "sermons in stones." A more realistic and more accessible source of sermons (besides those delivered from the pulpit) is the hymnal. An example is Cecil Frances Alexander's "There Is a Green Hill Far Away," for which several musical settings exist. Let us look at the life and character of the poet to see what may have prompted her to write these words.

In 1823 a second daughter, named Cecil Frances, was born to Major and Mrs. John Humphreys in Tyrone County, Ireland. She spent her entire life in that land. Major Humphreys had served with distinction in the Royal Marines and at the time of Cecil's birth owned considerable property in Northern Ireland. The family was literary-minded and created a weekly periodical that was distributed only within the family circle. As a child Cecil was trained to write poetry, and her verses appeared regularly in the family publication.

In her teens she became interested in the "Oxford Movement," which had been active both politically and theologically during the Revolt of 1828-32. Some of her poems exhibit the moral tenets of this movement. The direct influence of John Keble's *Christian Year* is apparent in Cecil's first volume of poetry, published when she was 23 years old. These *Verses for Holy Seasons* constitute a "Christian Year" for children, and include a hymn for every Sunday plus a hymn for each special day provided for in the Anglican Prayer Book.

In 1848 a second book of her religious verses appeared in print--*Hymns for Little Children*. More than a quarter of a million copies of this book have been sold. In its 72 pages Cecil Humphreys sought to cover all the points a child was expected to

learn from the teachings of the Church of England in the catechism and the Apostle's Creed. Each poem was based on a verse or two of Scripture. The lyrics of the hymn we know as "There Is a Green Hill Far Away" appear on page 31 of *Hymns for Little Children*.

Two years later Cecil married William Alexander, rector in Tyrone, who 17 years later became Bishop of Derry and Raphoe. In 1893 he was made Archbishop of Armagh, the Primate of all Ireland. As a pastor's wife, Mrs. Alexander was a paragon. She attended service daily, she taught Sunday School, and she gave unstintingly of her time and energies in attendance upon the sick, the poor, and the needy.

Busy as she was, she still found time to pen verses. In addition to authoring almost a dozen volumes of poetry, she contributed to various journals. Several anthologies compiled during her lifetime contained her works. One of her poems, "The Burial of Moses," was praised highly by Tennyson. More than 400 of Mrs. Alexander's poems are in existence, which have been set to music. Perhaps those most familiar today are "There Is a Green Hill Far Away," "Once in David's Royal City," and "Jesus Calls Us." Mrs. Alexander died in Londonderry, Ireland, on October 12, 1895.

Examination of her poems indicates that she wrote for persons of all ages, but it is as a writer for children that she excelled. From her youth she had been interested in children and young people, and many of her poems were intended for their education and enlightenment. Closer scrutiny of "There Is a Green Hill Far Away" will bear this out.

Based on John 19:17 and Romans

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5:8, this poem's five stanzas illustrate that portion of the Apostle's Creed which affirms that Jesus Christ "suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried" and to impress upon children that "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Cecil Alexander did not "write down" to children, but expressed her thoughts with the utmost clarity and simplicity. There is not a word in this hymn too difficult for a child to understand. At the same time, there is not a word in it too childish for an adult.

*"There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all."*

This first stanza sets forth the place, the person, and the purpose of the crucifixion. That "green hill far away" is the place called Golgotha, the place of a skull, outside the city wall of Jerusalem where Jesus died for our salvation: *For all of us He suffered and died--boys and girls, men and women, children and parents.* In four brief lines this is expressed:

*"We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains He had to bear;
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there."*

Verse two deals with a mystery of the cross which only Jesus knows: the extent of the pains He had to bear, the agony of all He suffered there. This is followed by the confirmation of our belief as Christians that it was for us that He endured this ignominious treatment.

*"He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by His precious blood."*

Thus the purpose of the crucifixion is reiterated in the third stanza, expressed there in four simple propositions: Christ died "that we might be forgiven," "to make us good," "that we might go at last to heaven," and that we might be "saved by His precious blood." And, as if in response to the ubiquitous "Why?" which children ask most often, the fourth verse states the necessity of the cross: Nowhere was there a person except Jesus who was "good enough to pay the price of sin" and "to unlock the gate of heaven

and let us in." A child will readily accept these truths and believe and trust. However, for some adults it seems too incredible, too simple, that Christ's sacrifice atoned for our sins and that the red of His shed blood washed us white as snow.

"There was no other good enough

*To pay the price of sin,
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven and let us in."*

*"Oh, dearly, dearly has He loved,
And we must love Him, too,
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do."*

Finally, in the closing stanza—that verse which many composers have set as a refrain to be repeated after each of the other strophes—is the matter of reciprocity. "Dearly, dearly has He loved" and our responsibility as believers is that "we must love Him, too." But there is a further responsibility—to "trust in His redeeming blood, and try His works to do."

Mrs. Alexander wrote no idle words. She knew in Whom she believed, what He had done for her, and in her own life she exemplified the responsibilities she felt toward Him. These very lyrics were penned while she sat up all night at the bedside of a feverish child—a member of her Sunday School class—so that the child's mother might get some much-needed rest. "... And try His works to do."

She was a true helpmeet to her husband. Hers was a familiar figure walking through the heather or riding across the moor—no matter what the weather—to carry food, warm clothing, or medical supplies to the impoverished and ailing in her husband's parish, and to procure or supply other assistance when necessary. For instance, when she found in one cottage an injured woman needing help, Cecil herself went daily to wash and dress the wound until healing began and recovery appeared certain.

Reviewing the story of Cecil Alexander's life and reading the lyrics of "There Is a Green Hill Far Away," one is reminded of Christ's words, recorded in Matthew 25:40: "... Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Many composers have set this poem to music. Charles Gounod learned the words from his daughter, Jeanne,

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GREEN HILL C. M. WITH REFRAIN

Geo. C. Stebbins

Cecil F. Alexander

1. There is a green hill far a-way, With-out a cit-y wall,
2. We may not know, we can-not tell, What pains He had to bear,
3. He died that we might be for-given, He died to make us good,
4. There was no oth-er good e-nough To pay the price of sin.

Where the dear Lord was cra-ci-fied, Who died to save us all.
But we be-lieve it was for us He hung and suf-fered there.
That we might go at last to heaven, Saved by His pre-cious blood.
He on-ly could un-lock the gate Of heaven and let us in.

CHORUS

Oh, dear-ly, dear-ly has He loved, And we must love Him, too,

And trust in His re-deem-ing blood, And try His works to do.

when she returned home to France after spending a year in school in England. He was deeply moved and immediately set the lyrics to music in a concert version which Queen Victoria is said to have favored. Several settings are in use today in hymnals, but the two hymn tunes commonly associated with the words are John H. Gower's "Meditation" and the music called "Stebbins" which was written by George C. Stebbins in 1878. The latter may be found as number 71 in Hope Publishing Company's *Worship and Service Hymnal*.

Mr. Stebbins wrote in *Reminiscences and Gospel Hymn Stories* that the music was written for special services in the Boston church, pastored

by Dr. Pentecost. It was intended to be sung by a quartet. However, on the specified evening a severe storm raged. Three of the quartet members (and most of the congregation) stayed home, but Stebbins sang the new song as a solo. As no comments on the music were forthcoming, he concluded it to be a failure. Two months later Dr. Pentecost requested him to sing the hymn at a meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, and from that time on appreciation for the music grew, until today Stebbins' is one of the preferred settings.

"Books in the running brooks?" "Sermons in stones?" Maybe not. But a sermon in song? Yes, indeed!

Washington Perspective

A breakfast at the Holiday Inn last spring resulted in my making it into the "big time" in Washington last January. Let me tell you about it.

During last year's Americans for America Week at Grace College, United Press International star reporter Wesley Pippert was a featured chapel speaker. Over breakfast at the Holiday Inn, Mr. Pippert and Prof. Terry White began talking about the idea of Grace College journalism students spending an internship with Pippert in Washington, D.C.

The idea was planted, began to grow, and finally reached fruition during this past Winterim term. For two weeks in January, I became Grace College's first Washington, D.C., journalism intern.

A four-member conference was scheduled for Sunday evening, January 5, in Woodbridge, Virginia. Over supper the four of us—Wes Pippert, Prof. White, Hope Hungerford (1974 Grace College graduate who graciously secured lodging for me with her parents) and I—laid the groundwork for the two weeks.

The first couple days of the program I stuck close to Mr. Pippert, incessantly riddling him with questions about his deep-rooted faith, the wire services, Watergate, and the press. During those first several days he kept apologizing for not producing much raw news (he was on assignment to the Watergate situation, and all was quiet,

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as the trials had ended January 1).

Then while we were eating lunch at prestigious Old Ebbott's, the big story broke—Judge John Sirica had released from prison Watergate defendants John Dean, Jeb Magruder and Herbert Kalmbach. After hustling back to the UPI office we caught wind that Kalmbach was having a press conference, in only ten minutes! We caught a taxi to the conference and arrived just in time for the press statement.

Later that afternoon we "staked out" Magruder's home in Bethesda, Maryland, awaiting his arrival home from Fort Holabird, Maryland. Many reporters, especially from the electronic media, were already at the Magruder home when we arrived.

Seeing a national news story break right before my eyes made that day the most exciting one of my stay in Washington.

Because his workload was unusually low (Watergate, I take it, is on low tide), Wes attempted to give me an inside look at all of D.C. Phoning Christian friends in politics and the media, Wes arranged for me to spend one whole day with each of the following: the editors of *Christianity Today*, especially News Editor Ed Plowman; Forrest Boyd, Mutual Broadcasting's chief White House correspondent; Wes

Michaelson, legislative assistant to Oregon Senator Mark Hatfield; and Bill Willoughby, religion editor for the *Washington Star News*.

These excursions enabled me to hit practically every area of D.C. Being constantly able to pick the minds of these Christian brothers in high positions, especially about relating their faith to their vocation, was the program's high point for me.

During those two weeks I made the Washington rounds with a UPI Watergate reporter, observed the White House press corps in action, sought out the philosophy behind *Christianity Today*, opened mail for a U.S. Senator, and followed the daily routine of the religion editor of a large metropolitan newspaper.

I witnessed how men of God were being used in our nation's capitol. But I also noticed the need for many more dedicated Christians in all levels of our governmental superstructure.

This was truly a unique training opportunity for me. I'm hopeful that we can take this journalism jaunt and turn it into the foundation on which to build a strong Washington journalism internship program. I'm also grateful to Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hungerford, members of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington, for their hospitality and assistance in making this a worthwhile, stimulating educational experience. ☛





The Fact and Fiction About St. Patrick

Be it Ireland or the United States, St. Patrick's Day is a great day for the Irish. Parades, debates, and the wearing of "the green" all blend together on March 17 as the mode of the day.

For the last 15 centuries writers of Irish history have disagreed on certain biographical data relating to Patrick's place and date of birth, death and burial. Song, folklore, legend, poetry, and mythology have had their many versions of the unbelievable feats of St. Patrick. These fictitious claims include that he was an Irishman who drove the snakes from Ireland, and for all this he was raised to sainthood by the Roman Catholic Church. Legend says that "St. Patrick" rid Ireland not only of venomous snakes, but of the Druidical priests, who were Christianity's major enemy. The Druids were ancient half-magician, half-wise men (or half savage), who built a complex stone observatory-calendar which is now located at Stonehenge, England. The Druids and the snakes, according to the legend, were cursed into oblivion by St. Patrick, so that "the earth swallowed them up." He banished the reptiles by beating on a drum with such fervor that he hammered a hole in the drum, and cleared Ireland "forever" from their curse.

From Dublin to Belfast, and New York to San Francisco, March 17 will have its St. Patrick's Day celebrations. Celebrated as the Irish Catholic patriot, St. Patrick will be remembered by "the wearing of the green." This is symbolical of Ireland as the Emerald Isle, so named because of the abun-

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dance of green vegetation which is the result of frequent rains.

There is strong evidence that Patrick was born at Kilpatrick in Dumbartonshire, Scotland, on the Clyde River about A.D. 372 (some say 387). He is believed to have died on March 17, 492, in his 121st year, and to have been buried at Downpatrick, Ireland.

The *Confessions*, the letter to Coroticus, and the hymn "The Breastplate," all came from the pen of Patrick. These contradict a great deal of the prevailing folklore. In Patrick's writing he relates how he was taken captive by Irish pirates when he was 16 years old. Later he was sold into slavery, and he had to tend sheep for seven years in Ireland. During this period Patrick was brought under the preaching of the Gospel, and he accepted the gift of salvation through Christ. He was convinced later that his "captivity" was God's way to turn him from his rebellion against his parents and the Lord. There is evidence that he was either associated with or was a member of the North UMBERLAND Church, which was Scotch Presbyterian.

He escaped from bondage in Ireland and went to Patrick's Dale in England, and there he founded Kirkpatrick (Church of Patrick) at Durham. Later he sailed from Llanbadrig for the continent. Contrary to the admonition of

Patrick's parents and friends, he returned to Ireland as a lay-missionary. During his lifetime he assisted in founding over 300 churches.

History fails to support the many claims concerning Patrick. He was not an Irishman, for his parents were Britons. He was not a Roman Catholic, and that church never canonized him. *The Schaff-Hertzog Encyclopedia* (Vol. VIII, p. 384) states that St. Patrick "passes as a saint merely by popular approval." He did not drive the snakes out of Ireland, and this is mere folklore.

One fact seems to surface; namely, Patrick was a born-again believer with a burden for the souls of men. In Ireland, both Protestants and Catholics acknowledge the impact made by this man of God, and the largest Protestant church in Dublin, Ireland, is called St. Patrick's Cathedral.

On March 17 people all over the world wear green ties, dresses, coats and other pieces of green apparel, but the green shamrock commemorates his use of it. On one occasion Patrick is said to have plucked a shamrock and used it to explain the mystery of the Trinity to his followers. He identified the three leaves as representing the three persons of the Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and the stem as the three-in-one unity of the Godhead.

Whether or not we "wear the green" on March 17, the zeal of Patrick for Jesus Christ and the souls of men ought to surge through our hearts as it should every day of the Christian pilgrimage. ☛

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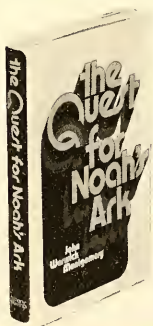
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March's Herald Book Club selection is *The Quest for Noah's Ark* by Dr. John W. Montgomery.



ABOUT THIS MONTH'S SELECTION

The "ark fever" continues and many Christians have caught it. In *The Quest for Noah's Ark*, Dr. John W. Montgomery presents one of the most complete pieces of research on this subject to date. He deals with the Genesis flood from a Biblical perspective, then gives a history of thoughts and attitudes from the church fathers regarding the ark.

The most interesting portion of the book centers around the accounts of expeditions in search of the ark. These accounts cover several hundred years of man's desire to see and touch the ark.

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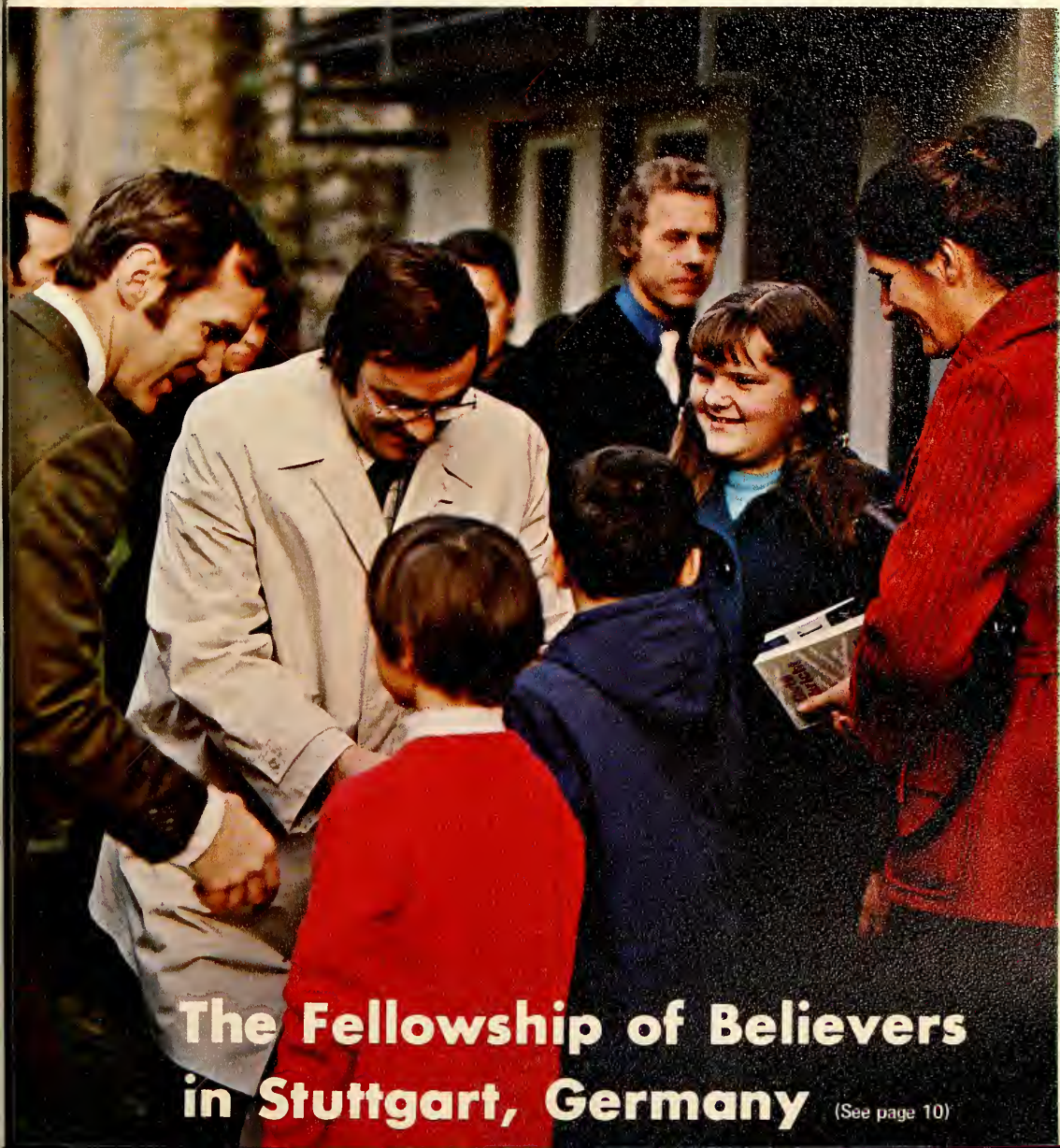
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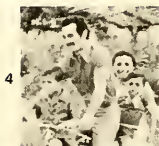


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Dear Editor

Address your letter to the editor, Rev. Charles W. Turner, Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. All letters must be signed, although names will not be used in the magazine.

Dear Editor,

I wanted to share my appreciation for your publication. The articles on "Discipline" and "Church Music" were excellent.

Too often I feel we neglect these practical areas in our teaching and writing. I was so pleased to see a strong stand taken on the duplication of music. That has bothered me before, but I thought I was being too sensitive. Another area where I feel

this same principle is violated is in the duplication of tapes. Thank you again for speaking out on such vital issues.—
Indiana

Dear Mr. Turner,

We have moved from Hatfield, Pennsylvania, where we were members of the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Pennsylvania—Pastor Robert Griffith. We are now living in Alexandria, Minnesota, where there is

no Grace Brethren church. Because the Grace Brethren preach and teach the Bible, the whole Bible and nothing but the Bible, we wish to remain Grace Brethren if possible.

Could you print something in the *Herald* to the effect that if there are any persons in our area that would be interested in starting a Grace Brethren church to contact us. Or if they prefer, contact someone at Winona Lake. We are open to any other suggestions.

In Christ's love,
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Dear Greiners,

Having enjoyed services at Penn Valley last fall, I can see why you would miss such great fellowship. We will carry your letter in the Letters to the Editor with your name and address and we will see what happens.—CWT

Post-Easter Paralysis

There are two seasons of the year when the front seats of the average church are put into full service—Easter and Christmas. However, at other times of the year these same pews are sadly neglected. If a personal inspection were made by the church trustees, I am sure they would note the lack of wear and tear on these seats nearest the pulpit.

On Easter Day if you are not an early arriver at the worship services, you will be escorted by the ushers to a front seat. Even those “choice” seats are soon filled. (This is as close as some people get to a pastor during the entire year!)

But now we are coming to the Sunday after Easter and this is a different picture. The beautiful lilies are gone, the choir members are more somber, and the regular attenders have settled down to the normal group. I call it Post-Easter Paralysis.



The symptoms of those who succumb to this prevalent disease seem to fall into a set pattern. The victims felt well just exactly one week ago. In fact, they were planning and preparing to get to the Easter services at church. Clothing in the latest spring fashions had been carefully purchased for each member of the family. New dresses, suits, hats and shoes were ready to be donned for the church parade. It was Easter! There is one thing to do on that day and that is to go to church.

But now, one week later, there has

By Charles W. Turner
Editor

not been the great preparation. In contrast, the family was up late on Saturday night and no one set the alarm for Sunday morning. Each member of the family has been attacked by a strange malady. It affects almost the whole body. The eyes are extremely heavy and do not want to open. They have shut out the light. The legs will not move. There is a paralysis preventing them from getting out of bed. Sometimes the sickness has other side effects which constrain a person to become overly eager for news. So instead of going to church, the person involved soaks up vast amounts of information from the Sunday paper.

Certain other people have a wild desire to treat the disease by moving about. This may take them on long drives through the country, or their excessive energy may be dispelled through a tennis game or a golf match. Whatever symptoms may be present, there is one common characteristic of Post-Easter Paralysis and that is the stress of church attendance cannot be endured.

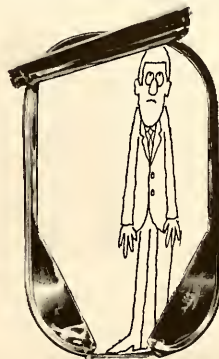
Easter Sunday finds the church filled to capacity, but on the Sunday following Easter vast areas of empty pews stare at the pastor. And it seems like the message of Easter has been lost somewhere in the wasteland of the secular week. The message of Easter is the dynamic account of Christ and His death which is followed by the glories of the resurrection. Hence, a new life in Christ is available to all and can result in transformed lives. This new life is action packed, being energized by God's Holy Spirit and is marked by willing service, meaningful worship and joy in the Lord. It also stands in marked contrast to the once-or-twice-a-year church goer who is only moved to action on special days.

One of the tragedies of Post-Easter Paralysis is that it seems to be an enduring disease. Once it has struck, the affliction generally remains active for months at a time. In many cases there is no relief until mid-December when

thoughts of the Christmas service begin to jump merrily into the minds of people. It is then soon time to dust off the front pews of the church once more because they shall be filled . . . briefly.

What a sad pity this spectacle presents to God—a God who deeply loves mankind and was willing to die that we might have life! He wants to see a consistent life dedicated to himself and His will. This idea of only including God in one's plans once or twice a year is a sinful shame. But it is one of the symptoms of this tragic disease.

Fifty-two weeks a year it is a privilege to hear God's Word and worship Him. But to only attend God's house several times a year is evidence of a critical heart condition. It is good to keep in mind that you might have to make an unplanned and unscheduled stop at the church sometime this year. This time you might be all alone way



down front in front of the front pews! (And then it is not good to be a stranger to God!)

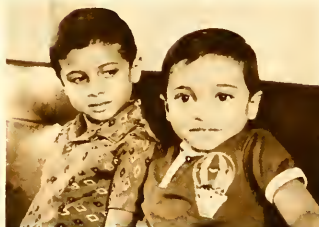
There is a remedy though for the problem of Post-Easter Paralysis. It is simple, but not easy. First, there must be regeneration and salvation in Christ. The next step follows closely as a person falls in love with God and loves Him more than anything or anybody else in all the world. Then Christian service is not a burden but rather an expression of the heart towards God.

Meet the Saraivas

Antonio Saraiva, his wife, Isabel, and their two boys, Edno and Edilson, are faithful members of the Castanhal, Brazil, congregation.

The man of the family, Antonio, became interested in the Gospel when each special shopping day he passed a portable bookrack set up in the public market. One day he bought a Bible and began to read it.

After hearing the Gospel, Isabel wanted to be a believer but was afraid that her father would no longer "bless" her if she became a Christian. But being deeply under conviction, she accompanied her husband as they made public declaration of their faith in Christ at a Sunday evening service in the church. They were baptized in March of 1969.



After being childless for several years, the Saraivas were overjoyed at the arrival of their two sons.



As a businessman with his own location in the public market, Antonio buys and sells dried and salted fish. In this business he makes a comfortable living for himself and his family.



Isabel has an artistic talent (above) which she expresses by painting designs and decorations on various cloth objects. The family, while not large, keeps the mother busy at home preparing meals and taking care of the house (right). They are able to afford a refrigerator, gas stove, television, and a bicycle for transportation.





Having returned to the Lord and His work in the church, the family now rarely misses a service. And the little girl who lives with them has also come to know the Lord.

It is a great blessing to see the Saraivas coming down the street each Sunday morning, all four of them on the bicycle, smiling and happy in the Lord and their newfound dedication to Him.



Good-by, Antonio and Isabel. It was a wonderful blessing to get acquainted with you and to know of your love for the Lord Jesus.

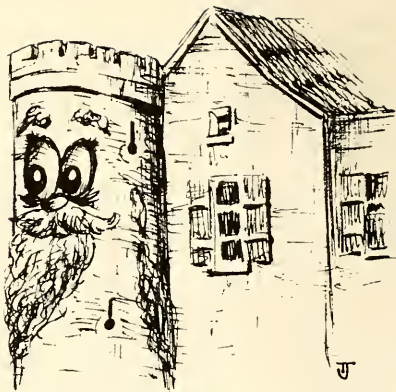


A few weeks ago Antonio (left) gave his testimony in a church service, telling of how, after accepting the Lord and being baptized, he had gotten away from the Lord and had gone back into the worldly ways of his previous life. He attributed this to the fact that he had not kept reading the Word and had neglected prayer and witnessing.

Isabel teaches a fine class of young people (right) in the Sunday School, is active in WMC and all other church functions.



The Chateau Walls Speak

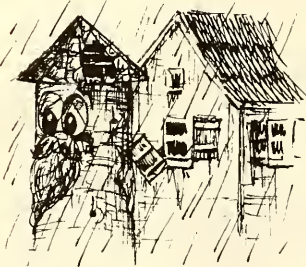


"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us . . ." (Charles Dickens, *The Tale of Two Cities*).

I have seen the best of times, I have seen the worst of times. I was here for the Renaissance, the so-called age of wisdom, and I am still around for the twentieth century—the age of foolishness. My land was given by a grandson of Charlemagne to one of his military leaders. In the fourteenth century the bishops of the nearby city of Macon built me as a country residence and as a fortress to protect their interests.

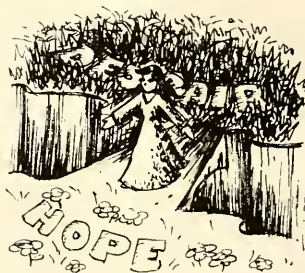
Later I was attacked by Protestants who came down the river seeking to obtain by the sword the liberty they were denied by the king. I lived through some of the great moments of France's history. The revolution came. The common people, sick of the op-

pression of the rich, burned and pillaged me. Later, after my ruins were partially rebuilt, I was acquired by the Schweitzer family. Though I would never know my former greatness, at least I could have the satisfaction of lodging great men. Both Albert



Schweitzer the missionary and Jean-Paul Sartre the philosopher knew me. Then in 1957 I was purchased by a fruit grower, and my rooms which had once been full of people were full of apple crates. I was humiliated. It was the winter of despair and I had nothing before me.

I was so lonely and then one night I heard footsteps. The Julien family was stumbling through my dark corridors trying to make themselves comfortable for the night. During the weeks that followed, I got a real spring cleaning. While my new owners were washing windows, scrubbing floors, screwing in light bulbs, mowing the lawn, and



planting flowers, I overheard snatches of their conversations and pieced together the puzzle of my future. I had been purchased by the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society and was being turned into a big "open house" where French people could come to study the Bible and find salvation through Jesus Christ. I was to be a bridge over which Frenchmen could pass from incredulity to belief, from darkness to light, from despair to hope. For many "my walls would be salvation and my gates praise" (Isa. 60:18). I had seen a lot of religion through the centuries, but the Juliens were not talking about religion but about regeneration.

The start was slow. Lessons were often learned the hard way from the hand of mother-experience. Slowly, young people started coming to my weekend youth rallies. Only two attended the first rally—a young man named Daniel, who was learning to play the guitar, and Genevieve, a girl who couldn't stand Daniel so returned home. Was it the spring of hope? To-



OVERSEAS BRETHREN AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

One of the highlights of the Brethren National Conference this coming August will be the presence of representatives from most of our overseas churches. Each field was invited to send a delegate. The only condition placed upon them was the requirement that the person be one selected by the national church with that church assuming half the round-trip fare to conference. Thus far the response has been most encouraging and delegates are expected from the following fields: Argentina, Central African Republic, Mexico, France, and Germany. These brethren will be guests in many of our churches if convenient itineraries can be worked out.

The coming of these delegates will be one of the features of the Foreign Missionary Society's 75th Anniversary celebration at the conference.

MISSIONARY WEDDING

The first Brethren missionary wedding to take place in Africa in nearly 50 years was held at Bata (Bible Center), Central African Republic, on Sunday, January 19, 1975, when Rev. Bruce Paden, Brethren missionary, and Miss Anita Sundquist, Swedish Baptist missionary, were united in marriage. An account of the wedding was printed in the February 1975 issue of *Foreign Mission Echoes*.

Among those present for the occasion were Dr. Kenneth Ashman, Rev. John Zielasko, and Rev. Gordon Austin, who comprised a Foreign Board delegation visiting in Africa at the time.

The new Mrs. Paden will become a member of the Fellowship and the Brethren mission staff in Africa. The Padens are at home at Yaloke, C.A.R., where Mr. Paden is on the faculty of the James Gribble High School and the School of Theology.

day I occasionally see Genevieve, her husband and baby strolling through my grounds. They are serving the Lord in Lyon, 60 miles to the south. Daniel attended Bible school, mastered his guitar, married a lovely soprano, and returned to work on my staff so I often hear his tenor voice echoing down my halls.

Many have come for a first-time visit just to look me over or to be



polite to the friends who invited them, but found they could not stay away. They discovered the peace that comes with crossing the bridge from incredulity to belief. In these last ten and a half years so many people have come as skeptics within my walls and left as believers. Some, already believing, have come to strengthen their faith and widen their Biblical knowledge. Some American Brethren have come for a visit to get to know me better. In fact, several couples—the Hammerses, the DeArmeyes, and the Shargels—came to visit me and have returned to be-

come a part of my staff. Some young people find that I also make a good bridge from celibacy to wedlock. In the months to come I will be telling you more about my job and will be introducing you to some of my friends. Friends who turned from their foolishness to God's wisdom, from their unbelief to faith in Christ, from

darkness to light, from despair to hope. Friends who now "are surrounded by the walls of His salvation" (Isa. 26:1).

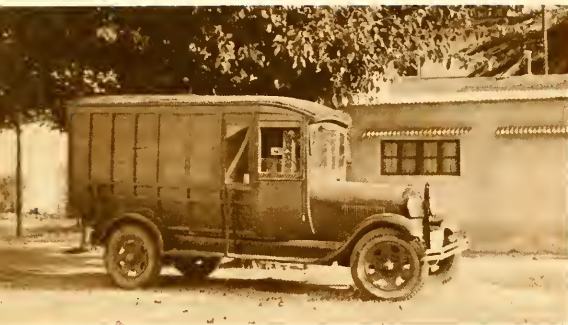
Generations come, generations go. People come, people go. Some rejecting the truth, others accepting. It is the spring of hope and we have everything before us. . . .

Artwork by Terry Julien



YOUR WALLS WILL BE
"SALVATION" AND YOUR
GATES "PRAISE"

ISAIAH 60:18



The "Bible Coach," first mission vehicle

A Trip to Argentina

In 1909, while most of the world waited to know the outcome of Admiral Peary's attempt to reach the North Pole, the attention and prayers of the Brethren Church went south, down below the equator. Argentina was chosen as a mission field when it was seen that although the populous coastal cities had some gospel witness, the vast, recently settled flatlands of the interior had no way of hearing the powerful message of God's love. Our first missionaries went 400 miles inland from the eastern seacoast and purchased property in downtown Rio Cuarto. Now on this same spot stands the largest of our churches, cared for by a national pastor. It is a monument to heroic efforts on the part of missionaries and nationals in spite of unbelievable discouragements and disappointments, and clearly shows the loving faithfulness of our Lord.

The mission in Argentina, now 66 years old, is the oldest of the Brethren fields where missionaries have served continuously. The first missionaries, Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Yoder and Miss Bertha May Bell, sailed from the United States on August 2, 1909. Ten years later, in 1919, Dr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Sickel arrived in Argentina.

Soon after arriving on the field the Sickels purchased a Model T truck chassis for the mission. On this chassis was built a coach which became known as the Bible Coach. It could hold a good amount of literature as well as provide sleeping quarters for several people. It was used by missionaries and nationals to do colportage work in the various villages and towns. This proved to be a most fruitful ministry. While the people wouldn't go to

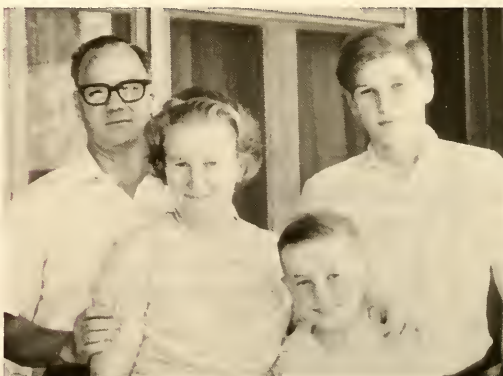
meetings held by the evangelicals, yet they would go to buy Bibles and Christian literature from them. This gave the Bible Coach workers an opportunity to witness to the people. Later a public address system was added to the coach and a movie projector by which they showed Christian films. This would attract a crowd. Still later they began to take along a tent and hold evangelistic meetings. This ministry was continued for a number of years, but was discontinued some time in the late forties. The Bible Coach was valuable in that it acquainted the people of the area with despised Protestants. They had opportunity to get to know them as they were and not as the priest said they were. The people learned that the evangelicals had an honest concern for them. They also found that they were moral people, which was quite in contrast to that which they saw in the Catholic Church. So, many listened intently to what the workers had to say, and

many came to know the Lord. If the Bible Coach had been quite successful in a particular town, then the missionaries would try to start a Bible study there and organize a church. It worked well, and churches are still in existence which were begun as a result of the Bible Coach ministry.

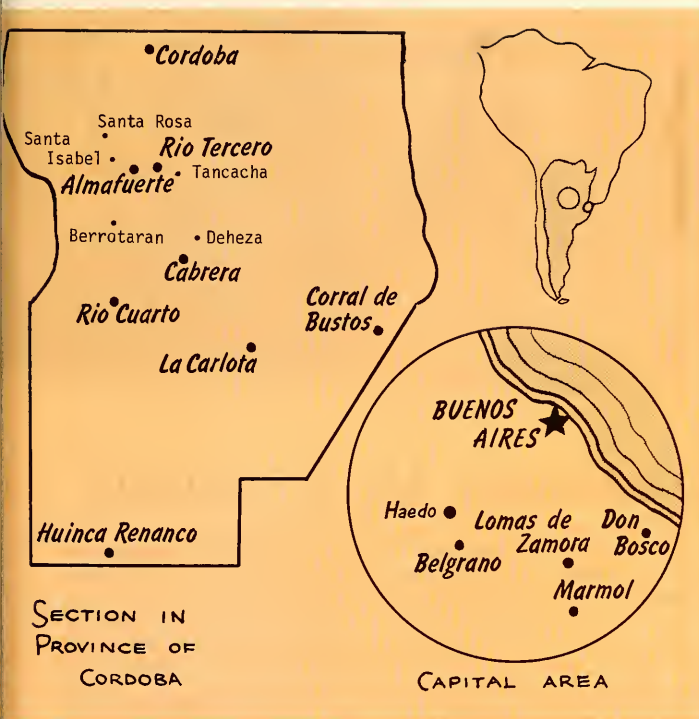
Juan Colle is now pastor of the old church in the central part of Rio Cuarto, and is also starting a new work in Gigena to the north of the city. (Mr. Colle is also on the editorial staff of the Child Evangelism magazine in Argentina.) The second Brethren church, located in the Banda Norte section of Rio Cuarto, does not have a pastor, but the work is carried on by the laymen; five of the men and their wives have had Bible institute training.

In La Carlota, Horacio Bettinalio is the pastor. He also has a successful watch and clock store. Salomon Luque is pastor of the congregations in General Deheza and Cabrera.

Angel Camandona, living in Alma-



The Hoyt Family



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fuerte, is pastor of that local congregation, and also is visiting pastor for the people of Tancacha, Berrotaran, and Santa Isabel.

Jose Rueg is pastor at Rio Tercero, and also works in the military factory in that city. Victor Wagner is pastor of the church in Santa Rosa.

The church in the city of Cordoba

is progressing well under the supervision of Pastor Juan Colle of Rio Cuarto, but the work in the local church is done mainly by faithful and capable laymen.

Fermin Campos, a lay preacher from the La Carlota congregation, cares for the work in Corral de Bustos.

Huinca Renanco is without a pas-

tor, but faithful members keep the work going. Young men from the Rio Cuarto congregation help with the preaching.

All of these congregations are in the Province of Cordoba in the interior of Argentina. Two other congregations belong to the fellowship of Argentine Brethren Churches—Don Bosco and Jose Marmol. Eduardo Coria is pastor at Don Bosco, as well as being employed part time in a Christian recording studio. The Jose Marmol church does not have a pastor at this time, but Rev. Hill Maconaghy, who lives in Adrogué, is helping in the work there.

Concerning the work of the missionaries, the Maconaghys are mainly occupied with a Christian bookstore ministry. Their aim is to use the store as a means for reaching people for the Lord, hoping to get a congregation started in Lomas de Zamora, Buenos Aires, where the store is located.

Rev. Solon Hoyt and family have a new Brethren church well on the way in Haedo, Buenos Aires. A house has been bought and remodeled for use as a church. Mr. Hoyt is field superintendent and bookkeeper. He conducts Bible classes in Belgrano and one or two other nearby communities. From time to time he travels to the interior for special meetings in the churches there.

The need for a missionary to work with pastors and churches in the interior is causing the missionaries to re-evaluate priorities. Soon the Hoyts may move to a location more central to the majority of Brethren churches so that this need can be met.

It should be mentioned that the opportunities in Argentina have never been greater. Opposition from the Catholic Church is almost nonexistent. We who have been blessed with the good news of the Gospel cannot afford to waste the opportunity to carry the good news to this needy country. ☺

Foreign Missions editor's note: The first part of this article is excerpted from "Fields in Focus," a booklet concerning the Brethren fields. The material on the Bible Coach is from a paper written by Mr. Peter Peer, Grace Seminary student. The information on personnel was supplied by Rev. J. Paul Dowdy, retired missionary who served many years in Argentina.

The
Hill
Maconaghys





Left: The Peugh family—Roger and Nancy, Ryan and Philip. Above: A special number by girls of the congregation. Right: Mr. Peugh with a musical quartet from the congregation.



Toppling Obstacles in Germany

Six years ago the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society zeroed in on Stuttgart, Germany, and a church-planting ministry began. We knew the work would be difficult, and our preliminary report—made shortly after the investigation trip—began as follows:

“In the beginning of a report such as this, I have a desperate desire to express the faith of Caleb (Num. 13:30) and to minimize the problems that present themselves when one approaches the work of church planting in Germany. Yet, the attempts, the advice, the heartbreaks experienced by other missions in their approach to this needy land should teach, if nothing else, that the formidable obstacles the missionary must face should be well understood by both the missionary himself and his sending body, lest there be misunderstandings and frustrations when the work does not proceed as quickly as anticipated.

“In the city of Berlin there is a

wall—a wall constructed by the Soviets and East Germans to keep their people from fleeing to the freedom of the West. In the political realm this wall exists, making a tragic physical separation between a people. This wall can be neither scaled nor ignored. It is a concrete fact of life, and the only hope for its destruction is a military strategy which no one is willing to endorse. So, thousands remain trapped in a system from which there is no escape.

“To me, the religious system in West Germany is similar. A wall consisting of various obstacles has been

erected—obstacles that will keep millions of Germans in spiritual ignorance.”

But God has a way of solving tough problems. Consider what has been accomplished during the lapse of time since 1968.

The two major obstacles that the Brethren Church faced in Germany were:

1) The danger of being stigmatized (unjustly, to be sure) as a cult or sect. If this tactic were successfully accomplished by unfriendly forces, it would have hindered the development of the work for years. In fact, the possibility

A meeting with five couples from the Stuttgart church group.



A Moment with Missions

By John W. Zielasko



Left: The prayer meeting group at Stuttgart. Right: They enjoy congregational singing.



was great that our missionaries would never be able to change the image imposed by that libelous label. That didn't happen. No matter what else is said about the work, all who are in any way acquainted with the ministry of our missionaries have to admit that it is well within the mainstream of historic Biblical Christianity.

2) The other obstacle revolves around mission policy. We were asking our missionaries to do something that is unheard of in Germany: that is, to spark a movement which will result in the planting of German Brethren congregations. We were aware of the fact that several similar works had begun with rather successful Bible classes, only to disintegrate when attempts were made to organize into local churches. But our missionaries were willing to accept this momentous task

and to seek a prayer-bathed strategy which would be blessed of God. It is much too early to predict complete success in this endeavor, but consider the following:

- * Attendance at Sunday services is now consistently in the sixties.
- * A group of people have identified themselves as members of the organization.
- * A Foreign Board delegation, along with the missionaries—the Roger Peughs—met with five couples from the church group. They asked us how they could become involved in our total worldwide program. This was a new experience for me as Foreign Secretary. Mostly mission churches are asking what we are going to do for them!
- * When we expressed concern that the

work would take on an American cultural image and thus be greatly handicapped in growth in Germany, our German Christian brethren laughed. We inquired why? They said our fears were groundless because the Peughs are so thoroughly German! What a glorious testimony to the acceptance of our missionary couple in Stuttgart.

- * The people themselves are now looking for another meeting place, since present quarters are inadequate.
- * Many of the church duties—treasurer, Scripture reading, special numbers, Child Evangelism classes, and so on—have already been taken over by the German Christians.
- * Giving to the Lord's work is good.
- * Shortly after we left, eight of the men met together to select a German name by which they will call themselves (there are other Brethren groups in Germany). The name selected is Biblisches Missions Zentrum (Biblical Missions Center).

One couple told us that many evangelicals in the State churches are disenchanted with the low spiritual condition and distressed with the enormity of unbelief in organized religion. These Christians are beginning to assert themselves and are now willing to disassociate themselves from the State church if a vibrant Christian movement presents itself as an option.

God has removed two major obstacles in Germany. Let us pray that others will topple as well. ☪

Left: Greetings after a service. Right: A building of the type the Brethren hope to obtain for their church meetings.





NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE



Dr. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Altig (left) listen to Dr. George Peek's farewell words before leaving the North Long Beach church for another term of missionary service in South America.

Long Beach, Calif. Before returning to Colombia, South America, where they are missionaries with Wycliffe Bible Translators, **Dr. and Mrs. Minnie Altig** were notified of a special honor they would receive annually while on the field. During furloughs in the states, Dr. Altig is on the staff of Pacific Hospital of Long Beach. In a letter to staff members, Chief of Staff Elect Maurice L. Ikenberry made the following remarks: "During the past year many of our staff members have come to realize and appreciate the truly remarkable dedication of J. Kenneth Altig to our hospital, to his faith, and healing art. He soon will return to Colombia for another four or five years. During that time he lives on what his church and friends send him. There has been expressed in the hospital in conversation and letter a desire to honor Ken in some manner."

The honor decided upon was a cash gift from interested staff members to be forwarded to the Altigs each year before Christmas. Ikenberry added, "Not many hospitals have a 'Ken Altig' and this seems such an ideal way to help him in a material and needed way."

The Altigs are members of the North Long Beach Brethren Church. George O. Peek, pastor.

Changes. The new address for Rev. Tim Farner, missionary to Brazil is: Rua Javari No. 161, Uberlandia, Minas, Brazil. Three retired Brethren missionaries: Miss Florence Bickel, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, and Miss Elizabeth Tyson will move into Grace Village, Box 337, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590, effective May 1. The new recording secretary for the Laurel Mt. Grace Brethren Church, Boswell, Pa., is Nancy Markley, Box 78, R.D. 1, Boswell, Pa. 15531 (Tel. 814-629-6138). Please change your *Annual*.

Mansfield, Ohio. A healthy boy was born to **Pastor and Mrs. J. Hudson Thayer**, Mar. 1, 1975. **Samuel** weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces.

Winona Lake, Ind. The lettering for the new name design that has appeared on the cover of the *Herald* magazine for the past year is the work of **Mr. Don Sterrenburg**. In recognition of his quality work, this logo will appear in "The Book of American Trade Marks, Vol. 3," which will soon be released.

Northbrook, Ill. (EP)—A national survey of high school student leaders reveals that 88 percent of them believe "there is a God or a supreme being" and 82 percent "feel religion is relevant in today's society."

The survey, conducted by Who's Who Among American High School Students, also shows that 74 percent of the top students consider themselves members of an organized religion and 86 percent attend religious services either regularly or occasionally.

Religion was one of 23 general topics covered in the fifth annual survey by Who's Who. Questionnaires were sent by the Northbrook-centered organization to the 70,000 of the 236,000 student achievers whose names appear in its 1974 edition.

Yakima, Wash. Because of a hearing disability suffered during World War II, **Rev. Herman Hein** has withdrawn from the full-time pastoral ministry. However, with 23 years of experience in the Christian ministry, he is available for Bible conferences, evangelistic meetings, or interim pastoral work. His current address is 1316 S. 43rd Ave., Yakima, Wash. 98902, telephone 509-966-3938.

Cleveland, Ohio. **Rev. Larry Sowers** began duties as pastor of the Lyndhurst Grace Brethren Church on Apr. 1.

Winona Lake, Ind. There were 47 public decisions recorded in a **Bill Smith** crusade at the Grace Brethren Church of North Lauderdale, Fla. (formerly Margate), Feb. 16-23. **Rev. Clyde Caes** is pastor.

Colorado Springs (EP)—A survey by the Christian Booksellers Association of 150 stores indicated that the industry was up in average gross sales 14.2 percent over 1973.

The increased sales, according to CBA Executive Vice President John T. Bass, indicate that when there are uncertain conditions in the world people turn to spiritual matters.

Mr. Bass, speaking to more than 50 publishers gathered at King of Prussia, Pa., also attributed the growth to new writers in the field.

Worthington, Ohio. Offerings for the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men should continue to be sent to the office here—6675 Worthington-Galena Rd., Worthington, Ohio 43085. Following the untimely death of Mr. Bill Hart, NFGBM treasurer, Mr. Richard Wells assumed the position of treasurer and will be processing offerings from Brethren churches.

Nominations Open for 1975 Brethren Sunday School of the Year

A committee representing the Christian Education Department is interested in evaluating growth and progress of Brethren Sunday Schools during the current conference year in preparation for the naming of a "Sunday School of the Year" at the 1975 Christian Education Convention, Aug. 1-3, 1975, at Winona Lake, Indiana.

Published guidelines for the selection are as follows:

1. Consistent growth.
2. Consistent improvement. This includes physical plant, teacher training, teacher-worker conferences, measuring according to the Standard.
3. Total cooperation in the program of the Christian Education Department. In addition to the attendance contest, this involves cooperation in the enlargement campaign, total grading and use of a standard curriculum, meeting the suggested goal of \$2.00 per member per year.
4. Outstanding achievement. This is based on observation and on achievements reported to the national office.
5. No school will be eligible for this award unless all attendance contest reports for the year have been received.

A detailed account of progress in Sunday School ministry is most helpful to the committee charged with making this selection. All Sunday Schools are invited to present a record of their accomplishments, growth, and overall improvement through a scrapbook, letter, or other form of report.

Such information should be submitted before July 15, 1975, for consideration by the selection committee. Send your reports to: Sunday School of the Year Committee, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Manheim, Pa. Apr. 13-18; Edward Lewis, speaker.

Alexandria, Va. Apr. 13-18; Kenneth Teague, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

Chico, Calif. Apr. 13-20; Lloyd Woolman, pastor; Henry Rempel, speaker.

Virginia Beach, Va. Apr. 20-27; Edward Lewis, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

Wedding Bells

A six-months' free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to new subscribers whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Anita Yednock and Kenneth Grof, Feb. 1, Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.

Karen Romesburg and Larry Smith, Feb. 22, Grace Brethren Church, Cumberland, Md., ceremony performed by Rev. Robert Burns of the Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.

In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

CAVERLEE, Ralph E., Sr., Feb. 3. He was a faithful teacher of the Berean Sunday School class at the North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. Kenneth Cosgrove, pastor.

DAWSON, Belle, 75, Feb. 26. For 34 years she was a faithful member of the Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. She was the mother of Mrs. Frank Poland of Winona Lake, and the grandmother of Dr. Larry Poland, an ordained Brethren minister. Charles Ashman, pastor.

GEARHART, Emma, 90, Feb. 15. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio, for 68 years. The oldest member of the church, she served many years on the deacon board. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

MOORE, H. Leslie, 59, Feb. 27. He served in Brethren pastorates in New Troy, Mich., Meyersdale, Pa., and Sunnyside, Wash., before being employed by Grace Schools in June, 1966. He served the school as Director of Housing. He was a member of the First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, and attended the Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. Participating in the funeral service were Rev. Charles Ashman, his pastor; Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Schools; Rev. Earle Peer, Berne, Ind.; Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, Grace Schools; and Rev. James Poyner, Dayton, Ohio.

NEELY, John S., 61, Feb. 19. He served Brethren pastorates in Conemaugh, Pa., Allentown, Pa., and Troy, Ohio, before joining the Messianic Testimony of the Brethren Home Missions Council for five years until 1973. He then assumed the pastorate of the Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio. At the time of his death he had resigned that position to join the ministerial staff of the Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa. Participating in the funeral service were Rev. Richard Jensen, Rev. Larry Gegner, Rev. Dean Risser, Rev. J. Hudson Thayer, Rev. Richard Sellers, and Rev. Ward Tressler.

RUEL, John, Sr., 75, Jan. 12. He was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

WITT, Walter D., Dec. 14. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa., serving as deacon, vice moderator and Sunday School teacher. Robert L. Burns, pastor.



THE SWITCHBOARD

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director; James Long, assistant to the director.

Lines from Lewis

Keeping Brethren Teens Brethren

Every time we hear of teens leaving the Brethren Church for other denominations it causes us to question the reason for such a move. Is it because they disagree with our doctrines or practices? Almost never is this the case.

It is because of friends they've made in other evangelical groups. And that combined with lack of close concerned friends in the Brethren Church may steer them into such a move.

Teens especially are motivated through the lives of people. It is not so

By Ed Lewis
Director of Youth Ministries

much the quantity or quality of teaching in Brethren beliefs or practices that will keep them within the Brethren Church now or in the coming years. There is little dispute on our position on the Scriptures. Where the strongest influence is felt is in the area of friendships. The personal influence of people with Christian love will have a greater impact than any denominational

propaganda. We cannot underestimate the importance of developing friendships.

We have a tremendous Brethren Fellowship where the Gospel is being preached, and we have an excellent world missionary program. Why apologize for trying to keep Brethren in the Brethren Church?

It is important that youth develop friendships with people in other Brethren churches through rallies, camps and interchurch gatherings. I feel that Brethren National Youth Conference can have a fantastic impact on the lives of teens in accomplishing this goal. Here they meet Brethren youth from across the country, learn about Brethren missionaries, our national organizations, schools, and more. It can reinforce a strong tie to the Brethren Fellowship.

1975 Christian Education Convention Centers on the Home and Family

Want help to maintain a good healthy, Christian environment in your home? Are there too many unsolved problems like finances, the children's stubborn streaks, too few evenings together? Why not attend the "Seminar in Christian Home and Family"?

This seminar will be the theme of the 1975 Christian Education Convention in Winona Lake, Indiana, this summer. It immediately precedes the annual Brethren National Conference. Sessions in the seminar will be of special interest to husbands, wives, and parents. There will also be helpful sessions for teachers and pastors.

The convention, held annually under the sponsorship of the Christian Education Department, will convene on Friday, August 1. The concluding session, Sunday morning, August 3, will feature keynote speaker Dr. Kenneth Gangel, president of Miami

(Florida) Christian College.

Awards night will be the special feature of the Saturday evening rally. Trophies will be presented to the Brethren Sunday Schools with the highest percentage of growth. The exciting program will not only be open to convention delegates but to the general public as well.

Musical ministries for the entire convention will be under the capable direction of Rev. and Mrs. Bob Messner. Bob Messner and his wife, Nancy, are both extremely talented in musical ministries. Don't miss their concert also on Friday evening of the convention.

How's your schedule for the summer? Why not include the Christian Education Convention in your plans? Make it your business to take advantage of this helpful convention.

The third of three vignettes on family ministry

Creative in the Crucible

Family Ministry in Situations of Stress

By James Long, Assistant to the Director

There is no immunization against hardship. It's part of life's standard equipment. The packaged deal called life does not include an arm-length buffer against tears and trials. But what's a family to do?

Learning Blooms in the Crucible of Difficulty

The most eloquent lessons on the sovereignty of a concerned Lord are not taught in the classroom. Indelibly stamped on the sensitivities of Jesus' mother were the intricacies of the character of God. She carried the cross-burdened footprints of her son's murder in her heart's crucible. But she also had the privilege of seeing the forceful beauty of irrefutable and incomprehensible logic blossom out of her heartbreak. And she learned.

God has not promised that we will bounce off of the rubber walls of synthetic stress . . . trials without teeth. Hardship is an integral part of learning-maturity. What are you teaching your family in situations of stress?

Right Responses Teach Right Concepts

Family leadership rides easy on smooth roads of predictability. But when it comes to washboard trials we may not have time to get to the chalkboard or find our way through an unfamiliar Book. Our immediate responses teach. Don't swerve. The road's straight. Every eye focused on your response will hear a sermon before you can prepare it. In the crucible of the cross Jesus was collected, although crushed, and affirmed the character of God. Even celebrated it. Jesus taught.

Financial reversals. A loved one's death. A common cold. The agony of loneliness. An untimely flat tire. In your crucible—in your picture-window crucible—what are you teaching? What does your response affirm about the character of God . . . to those who know you best?

Wrong Responses Teach Wrong Concepts

Sitting on a garbage heap, with tear-streaked ash on a drawn face, Job contemplates his crucible experience and disappoints the gleefully expectant enemy of his soul. Satan is eager to utilize the crucible experiences of life to perpetrate wrong concepts about your Friend—Lord. Wrong responses will teach wrong concepts, and he will capitalize on your weaknesses, your propensity to indulge yourself in the luxury of the middle-class mentality. You deserve a break today. What does your response affirm about the character of God . . . to those who know you best?

Speak. Talk. Walk. Sit. Advertise the Character of God

Jehovah spoke to Moses in definite terms. The only way Israel could hack it in the land would be through the teaching ministry of the family unit. Talk about the Lord. Sitting. Walking. Reclining. Bring Him into the details of your busy life. Don't compartmentalize Him into the closet called "The Lord's Day." Interpret the beautiful as well as the brittle aspects of family life in God-controlled terms.

Proper Response Demands Positive Input

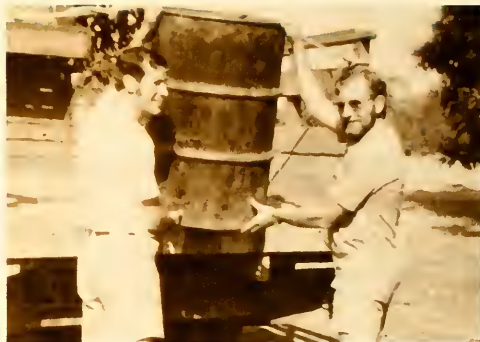
The point is plain. Our response is the product of our input. What embryo are you nurturing in your mind? What threads are coloring the stitchery of your thought patterns? You will respond out of the abundance of the treasure of your mind. It will be seen. You will teach. You will affirm something about the character of the God you profess to serve.

Witnessing the collapse of many of the most important elements in his life and sharing something of the sentiments of a sovereign God, Jeremiah wept. His comprehension of God's control was a bulky package difficult to manipulate. But his response was branded by his years of positive input as he affirmed the character of God. "The Lord's loving-kindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Thy faithfulness" (Lam. 3:22-23—NASB). He taught.

There is no immunization against hardship. But neither can a family resist the dramatic input which is the natural by-product of a Word-oriented response in the crucible of stress.

Discuss this vignette with your spouse

1. Did you agree with the principle that we teach more to those who observe us by our responses to life than by formal instruction?
2. Our initial responses to situations are spontaneous. They cannot always be guarded. People observe them. What can be done to assure that our responses are right even when we don't have time to collect our thoughts?
3. What teaches more—our responses to tragedies or our responses to minor irritations? Why?
4. What is meant by "positive input"? Where does it come from?
5. Read Lamentations, chapter 3. What does it teach you about responding to trials?



TIME missionaries (l to r) Jan Norwood, Deb Hinger, Eric Smith, and Richard Harrell have plenty to do assisting the missionaries in the Central African Republic.

Busy TIME in Africa

Christian Education Department

WITNESSED FEATURE

Greetings from Africa! I guess I should say, Balao! After all, we finished our language study in Sango not too long ago and should put it into practice.

Shortly after arriving we found that the light plant was broken down which meant no electricity and no water pump. When there is a medical work going on, it goes on anyway and we found this out in short order! I was in the office typing one morning (I have been doing various things like typing and sewing mattresses and sheets for the hospital) and was interrupted by Mary Ann Habegger calling my name. She said, "Jan, lock up and come over to the hospital. We need you to hold a light for a surgery!" I automatically said "O.K.—be right there." Suddenly I knew why I had been praying each day, "Lord, please prepare me for the tasks that I am asked to do that I do not feel capable of handling." I knew that God would not ask me to do something that He would not give me strength to do. Joy Mayes had assured me of this and had prepared me for such times. But the first time you realize you are in one of those situations is an awesome experience! I locked up and headed over to "Hobbie's" office—completely ignorant of what lay ahead. I was given a green surgical smock, a cap, and a mask. I dressed,

and walked out feeling calm (ignorance is bliss) but strangely unfamiliar with myself. The Africans around the area seemed to feel it perfectly normal for a missionary to be dressed like that. So I wandered into the operating room feeling somewhat like you do when you show up on your first day for a new job—you know you're supposed to be there, but you don't really know what to do yet.

Our gal was lying on the table ready to be prepared for the surgery. She had an infected stomach and Dr. Walker was going to go in and see what was necessary in releasing the infection. Everyone in and out seemed very comfortable and sure of the situation and there was laughing and general conversation as everything was prepared. Of course, the comfortable atmosphere made me feel quite comfortable, too, and as they worked they explained to me just what they wanted me to do and what not to touch and why. They told of the gal's situation and what they were going to do and that if I felt I needed to go out I was just to tell someone and go out and get some fresh air. (The reason Rich wasn't helping was because he was giving the tests for the Bible Institute.)

They said not to forget that it is normal to need to go out during the first surgery and feel free to ask questions if you want to know something. Then they repeated, "Remember, it won't be any problem if you need to go out." I was aware they were em-

phasizing this about going out for a breath of fresh air, but I was very calm and was watching all the preparation and was having no problem. I thought maybe I wouldn't be affected by this normal procedure.

The surgery began and I found myself in the front row seat! My gaze wandered around the room somewhat at first, and gradually I found it being more permanently fixed on what was happening in front of me. I found it kind of interesting finally and realized that here I was, the girl who used to get squeamish when we cut up pigs and frogs in science, watching an actual surgery—helping with it! Great realization but oh the side effects.

All of a sudden I broke out in a cold sweat, my neck was burning. I was fighting to keep my mind on something else. After all, this was already halfway through the surgery—it would be silly to get sick now. I tried to look outside and think of the name of the beautiful green tree with the yellow flowers that I liked so much. I think though that the only part of me that wasn't swimming was the hand that held the light and I kept saying to myself, "You have to hold the light!" Then I kept saying back to myself, "You'll never be able to make it through the rest of the surgery like this—snap to!" About then, Dr. Walker, bless him, looked up and asked me how I was doing. What a silly thing I said to him—"I'm doing O.K. I guess." He knew better and so did I! I was as

close to feeling faint as I have ever come.

"Hobbie" took the light and I went out. Thank the Lord for clean, fresh air! I drank that air in until I was full and then just sat and rested in it awhile. I felt pretty good then, so I reentered and I was fine from then on—and through the following five operations which I have assisted with in the same capacity. And I've actually watched everything and have seen and experienced many things!

For example, the first C-Section—what a wonderful realization of God's miraculous making (Ps. 139:14) when we saw that little hand reaching out to be brought into the world and heard the beauty of his healthy little cry. There was satisfaction when we saw



TIME missionaries are able to perform ministries among the people.

the unnecessary misery corrected when Doc removed two extra fingers from a man who had six fingers on each hand. But then, too, there is death. There are times when death is unavoidable, but there is a certain fighting in your heart that takes place when you experience death that is avoidable.

For instance, a lady who was due to deliver had been told she would have to deliver by C-Section—as she had previously had a Section. These people have a built-in fear, it seems, that they must constantly be reproducing children or their husbands will leave them and they will be looked down upon. This lady knew that this C-Section would be her last and determined that she would have it by natural birth. She was all of several minutes away from the hospital, but stubbornly refused to come and tried to deliver in the village. After being in labor for five hours, they finally

brought her in and an emergency C-Section was performed. No heartbeat was heard for the child when they started and preparation began to try to save the mother as she was weak and her chances were becoming less. Upon entering the stomach, Pierre (Dr. Walker was in Bangui) found a ruptured uterus and the baby was dead. Rich administered oxygen to the woman for at least an hour or more. There were times when the only indication we had that she was alive were the periodic cries of discomfort. All of this was so completely unnecessary and avoidable.

It was at this point that I struggled with myself not to yield to the attitude which was pulling with tremendous strength at my logic—whatever happens to her, she deserves. I am beginning to understand the disgust of the doctors and nurses when someone waits until the last minute and then comes in emergency with complications that could have been avoided. But no—it is a life. And suddenly I realized the real value of a life. The value is not dependent upon things—the value comes in that God gave that life and therefore it is important.

But the great sorrow this woman must experience now. We saw from her records that she had had four natural deliveries, all of which had died. Her one previous C-Section had died shortly after birth and now this. Six children and all were dead. Why would she take the risk of losing this one which would have been her last, but could have been her one healthy baby? I don't have the answers.

As you can see, participating in the TIME program is affording us with valuable opportunities which we would never have in the U.S. And the quality of the group of people we are working with is tops! I am very thankful, and I realize this anew each day that we are having an opportunity to see the field as it really is. No one is trying to paint a rosy picture for us, but they want very much for us to really experience the day-by-day life of the work. How valuable in preparation for future service! Each day is real and overflowing with value. I was afraid it might be easy to take God for granted because we are in such a protected situation—living and working so closely to the things of the Lord. But I have found that my Lord is not just close to me in my daily activities, but a *very part* of my activities and

thoughts and considerations. How wonderful! It would be a struggle to exist through a day without the continual consciousness of God's presence in everything you do and think; the consciousness of God's greatness and power. I was assured of God's sufficiency in my life before I came to Africa, and each day reinforces that assurance—and there are times when that assurance is all you have to sustain you.

Sincerely in Christ,
Jan Norwood

Christian Education Dept. editor's note: Janet Norwood is one of four persons presently serving in the Central African Republic for 12 months under the TIME program. Jan, Debra Hinger, and Richard Harrell are from the Community Brethren Church, Whittier, California. Eric Smith is a member at First Brethren Church, Long Beach, California.

Forty-six persons were able to minister through Training In Missionary Endeavor last year. This is a program of the Christian Education Department in cooperation with the Foreign Missionary Society and The Brethren Home Missions Council.

This summer, teams of young adults will be ministering in France, Africa, Brazil, Argentina, Alaska, Mexico City, Mexican Border, Navajo Mission, and the Kentucky missions. Besides these opportunities, the Operation Barnabas (high school-aged team) will be ministering to Brethren churches in the United States.

Be sure to pray for those young adults involved in the TIME program. This year over 60 persons will be involved in this program to acquaint young adults with needs of the world and church-related vocations.

If you would like information about TIME or would care to contribute to those seeking financial support for this opportunity to become involved in vocational Christian service write to Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

Close friendships are made through informal activities.



What's a Little Princess?

SMM is a girls ministry designed for girls in the first through the twelfth grades. You've read about the Girl-of-the-Year contest, in which a middle or senior girl who best represents the ideals of SMM is chosen for national recog-

nition. Some districts have a Little Princess contest in which a younger girl is given special recognition in her district. We would like you to meet these little SMM achievers.

Cary Gilmer—Roanoke, Virginia.

"God is everything to me. Because without Him there wouldn't be anything. I wish I could show God and Jesus and the Holy Spirit how much I love them. God sent His only Son to die on the cross for me. And Jesus—He was brave and died. If He had wanted to, He could have done some kind of miracle so He wouldn't have had to die. I have so much to be thankful for. God has really helped me with things such as tests and many other things. I really thank God for all He has done. It will be a day of rejoicing when we get to heaven. I can't wait to see God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.



Melody Jackson—Dayton, Ohio. "Hi, I am nine years old and am in the fourth grade at Dayton Christian School. I have been in SMM for two years and really like it. I accepted Jesus as my Saviour and I want to please Him. I take piano lessons and like to sing." *(Melody carried the Girl-of-the-Year crown at the Coronation Tea at Goshen last year.)*



Lori Essig—Canton, Ohio. "When I was five, I accepted the Lord as my personal Saviour. I was nine when I joined SMM. It has really helped my Christian growth because it stresses daily quiet time, which I think is important. I have led two people to Christ. More girls should try out for Junior Princess; it helps you complete your goals, especially the personal goals. Preparing the packet isn't too hard and the requirements aren't difficult to meet if you have an active group. I think the Lord is leading me to work with children, maybe in an orphanage. But, I am willing to do anything He wants."



Joy Hobart—Simi Valley, California. "My name is Joy Hobart and I come from Seoul, Korea. I was Junior Princess last year. It was nice to be chosen and I got a nice necklace and a bouquet of roses. My mother started me in SMM when I was in the first grade. I am happy to be in it. I know how important it is to do my goals and I thank Jesus for helping me."



Marie Melick—Ankenytown, Ohio. "I came to know the Lord at a small age. Then in first or second grade, I started at the Brethren church here. During the time in Vacation Bible School, I really let Jesus know that I loved Him.



"I joined Little Sisters, but, now I'm in Junior SMM. SMM means a lot to me. We do a lot of things, and it makes it all the better when you go not to play around, but to serve Jesus. I was baptized at church. All the way, serving Jesus is fun."

Laura Funderburg—Cumberland, Maryland.

"I live in a Christian home. My dad is a preacher. I was saved when I was four years old. My mom was reading Scripture cards to me. I asked how to be saved and she told me. I joined SMM when I was seven, and did all my goals. I was not sure if I was saved or not, so I prayed again. I told my next door neighbor how to be saved and she became saved. Her name is Pam. I have two brothers. Their names are Mickey and Mark. I also have a little baby sister named LeAnna. The new church we are building is done."



Marcy Franks—Warsaw, Indiana.

"The summer I was five my family vacationed at Ocean City, New Jersey. At bedtime one night, we were talking about how God would destroy the world someday. My mom said that only Christians would escape. My older brother asked, 'How do you get to be a Christian?' While my mother explained the way of salvation to him, I kept butting in. She didn't think I was old enough to understand. Then I said, 'But, I want to go to heaven, too!' So, she told Jeff and me how to be saved. We prayed and I asked Jesus to come into my heart, and *He did!* About a year later, I made my public confession of faith so the church people would know I was a Christian.

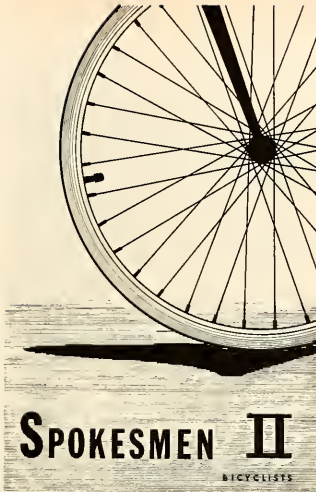


Sheila Riffle—Middlebranch Ohio. "I am glad I am a Christian and that Jesus died on the cross for me. I am glad that I have other girls to talk to.

"SMM is happiness and doing things like learning about God and telling other girls about God and singing and making things and hearing stories about God."



NEWS AND VIEWS



Openings are available to go on a two-week bicycle tour of more than 1,000 miles. Spokesmen II is a program for boys 14 and older.

The first 30 boys being accepted will travel by 10-speed bicycles this July. They will depart from Winona Lake, Indiana, and go north through Michigan, the Upper Peninsula, Canada and around Lake Michigan. They will also travel through Wisconsin, Illinois, and finish at South Bend, Indiana, where they will participate in Brethren National Youth Conference (August 2-9).

The tour (July 18-August 2) will be planned and directed by men who are well-qualified and knowledgeable in ministries to boys. They have also had experience in various wilderness trips with boys. Charles Sanger and Bill Crabbs, students in Grace Seminary, will be among the adult leaders who will leave their families and jobs to minister to boys through this stress situation. Charlie has had many years of experience in boys work including being on the staff of Christian Service Brigade.

Costs for the entire three weeks (tour and conference) will be approximately \$150. Any persons interested in more information about Spokesmen II should write to Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

PSA INSIGHT

A National Fellowship of Brethren Churches Sunday School Report

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

of all reporting Sunday Schools* February, 1974-161
..... February, 1975-152

GROWTH INDEX BASED ON 182 REPORTING CHURCHES

February, 1974 weekly average attendance 27,197
February, 1975 weekly average attendance 27,690
NET GAIN in reporting churches 493 persons or up 1.8 percent

SUMMARY

81 churches registered increases totaling 1,995
96 churches registered losses totaling 1,502
Largest numerical increase Columbus, Ohio-Worthington
Largest percentage increase Grass Valley, California

* The larger the number of reporting churches, the more accurately these figures will represent the church growth picture of the NFBC. We urge the total support of the churches of the NFBC in this computer-evaluated church growth analysis which is provided free of charge to churches of the Fellowship by the Christian Education Department.

FEBRUARY CONTEST WINNERS

Div.	Church	Pastor	Superintendent
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B	Fremont, Ohio (Grace)	Ward Tressler	Nelson Cleveland
C	Warsaw, Ind.	David Miller	Donald DeYoung
D	Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	Don Rough	Leroy Spangler
E	Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	Hudson Thayer	Bob Gordon
F	Union, Ohio	Ron Picard	William Cochran
G	Cumberland, Md.	Michael Funderburg	Donald Bulger
H	Beaverton, Oreg.	James Willett	-----
I	Columbus, Ohio (East Side)	Richard Sellers	N. L. Jacobs
J	Akron, Ohio (Fairlawn)	James Kennedy	-----
N	No one qualified		

RECORD ATTENDANCES—Cumberland, Md.—143; Canton, Ohio—195.



REFLECTING GOD'S BLESSINGS THROUGH EXEMPLARY LIFE-STYLE

*Final article in a series
on the
1974-75 Birthday Missionaries*

Yes Lord, I Will

By Mrs. Dan Hammers

Slowly and deliberately, letter by letter, I penned the word: M-I-S-S-I-O-N-A-R-Y. For a third-grader perfecting her writing skills, that was a long word to write! There was hardly enough room on the line in the small writing manual. My sentence was finished: "I want to be a missionary."

Can a child so young understand enough about that word to be really sincere in making such a statement? I am certain that I didn't realize all the implications, but I did understand two things. A missionary is a person who goes to faraway lands to serve the Lord, and some day God could hold me to this statement I wrote in my book. I was very sincere.

Indeed my interest in missions started at an early age. My parents, Dayton and Ruth Ulrich, faithfully took our family to church and Sunday School. It was at the First Brethren Church of Wooster, Ohio, that I was introduced to the Lord and to missions. Praise God for such a mission-minded church where people of all ages are exposed regularly to the Lord's work the world over.

As I grew older I became less and less enchanted with the idea of leaving my homeland. Eventually my third-grade writing book was pushed into the hidden corners of my memory. Confident that it was well enough hidden, I went my merry way, thinking that surely God would forget it, too.

How I praise the Lord that He is

faithful to us even though we do not deserve His concern. He has often gripped my heart and has given me strength that I would not find in myself. When I was 15 years old He saw fit to take my beloved father unto himself. This was a severe blow to me, but the Lord was near and was eventually glorified in my life through this agonizing experience.

God continued to tap me on the shoulder occasionally to remind me of my former desire to serve Him. And little by little I yielded, always with reservations. "Yes, Lord, I love You and want You to guide my daily life." "Yes, Lord, I will serve You in a truly sincere way every day." "Yes, Lord, I will serve You on a full-time basis here at home."

This was the stage of my spiritual life when I arrived at Grace College. I could never have planned more happy years for myself than the years the Lord gave me at Grace. He gave me friends for whom I will be eternally thankful. Each one had a certain influence over me, whether positive or negative, which helped me to see my position clearly. I discovered that my meager promise to serve the Lord was made only to be a "put off" and that I was neglecting the real thing He was trying to tell me.

Many were the discussions held around a bowl of popcorn concerning our obligation to be obedient to the Lord's will. Many were the times my friends faced me directly with the problem of missionary service. Finally I said, "Yes, Lord, I will go to another land to serve You." And then came the day when I could add to that statement, "I'll even go alone if You don't have other plans for me." That thought didn't please me, but I was willing.

The Lord did have other plans for me. Dan came back to Grace after having spent 15 months as a cadet missionary in France. I couldn't believe how he had changed during those months of service. He was certain now where the Lord wanted him to be, and he could hardly wait to get back to France. That pleased me very much.

God led us together, and after I had graduated from Grace in 1967, we were married. Dan had one more year of seminary to finish, so I taught school that year at Mentone, Indiana. One more year of teaching followed as

we made final arrangements for coming to France in 1969.

Our years in France have been few but so full. We spent our first eight months in the French Alps studying French in a small school for missionaries. It was one of the most unforgettable and impressive times of my life. We then moved to the Chateau de Saint-Albain and lived on the Chateau property for three years. About a year and a half ago we moved from the Chateau to a small town, Tournus, 15 kilometers to the north of the Chateau. Here we are working in a special ministry with our dear friends and co-workers, Daniel and Julia Dutruc. We have formed a quartet, and use Daniel's songs in evangelistic meetings, making contact with these people who need so desperately to hear the gospel message.

Two precious gifts from the Lord have added immeasurably to the "abundant life" He has given us. In 1971 while we were still at the Chateau, our first child, Janine Marie, was born. She is nearly four years old now. Joel Daniel was born in September 1974, and he is a treasure. We are ever thankful to the Lord for these two gifts and the love they have brought with them. We daily seek wisdom from God to mold our children to be a true pleasure to Him.

Praise God that He leads our lives according to His purpose, and every detail has its place in the pattern. He gives us comfort; He gives us strength. He even leads us to write in our third-grade writing book: "I want to be a missionary."

Sherry Hammers



Mini- Maxi Memo



Sept. 26, 1974

Mrs. Byers was my Maxi
mother. I really like her.

She would always surprise me
on holidays and even on my
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to see her any time I'd like.

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in South Carolina

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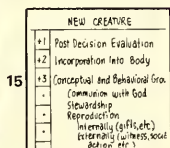
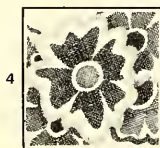
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Dear Editor,

Your *Brethren Missionary Herald* is the voice of the false prophet. Your publication is satanic. You have polluted the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Hypocrites! You glory in your buildings and in your books and in your scholarship and have no life in you. You have not died how could you be born again? Because you will not repent God has spewed you out of

His mouth. It would have been better for you had you never tasted of the grace of God. Remove your disgusting abomination from our address.—Ohio

Dear Sir,

According to your request we will follow your wishes and discontinue your subscription. We honor your right to express your opinion, even though we do not agree with you.—CWT

Dear Editor,

A hearty "thank you" for publishing Randy Maxson's timely article, "A Lesson in Musicianship Ethics." It's a sad but true commentary that the worst offenders of the copyright laws are Christians—and many times not in ignorance of the law. Since many Brethren people hold the *Herald* in such high esteem, here's hoping that the article will bear much fruit.

There is one other area I wish Mr. Maxson had touched upon—that being the producing (usually mimeographing) of song sheets and chorus books, using words only. Many churches make them and the copying of words without permission is just as illegal and unethical as copying the music.—Ohio

A Government School for Coyotes

(The sheep are being attacked again)

By Charles W. Turner
Editor

Some things must be seen to be believed, and even then one is not certain. But let me tell you what I saw and heard, and I will give you the opportunity to accept or reject it. I had settled down to the evening news and everything was just about normal—very gloomy. But the next sequence was different. It was an account of the diminishing sheep herds in the West. It seems the sheep population is not doing well, and one of the menacing problems is caused by the coyotes. Their number is increasing, and they are preying on the poor sheep.

Of course this is a real problem to the shearers and they have sought some solutions. The logical one is to shoot the coyotes. But in this day and age there would quickly arise an organization called “Save the Coyotes, Incorporated.” This dedicated group would raise a million dollars toward the printing and distribution of literature. Then in a few months all of us would be weeping and crying for the righteous cause of the coyotes. (I think there must already be an organization to save the mosquitoes—they are doing so well!)

So how do you stop the coyote problem and save the sheep? This, friends, is when we appreciate having such an efficient government—one to turn to in time of any need. The government, upon due consideration, proposed a solution to the problem by means of educating the coyotes not to attack sheep. Now, here is a simple answer to the whole matter. It works like this—you catch the coyote and send it to the special government school. The instructors take a white rabbit and put

a chemical on it, and when the coyote attacks the prey—the results are obvious. From now on the coyote will leave all *white* animals alone. You run a black rabbit by, and again the coyote attacks. No chemical is on the black rabbit. So you see the mean coyote has been educated. They did not say what degree is given to the graduate of the government school, but I think it is an ABOA, which means Attack Only Black Animals.

But even the government has a couple of problems. The coyotes are notoriously poor school attenders, and the rate of dropouts is unbelievable. There must be the problem of busing the animals as well. The other problem is that, if the graduate has learned his lesson well, there are always *black* sheep in the flock! It looks like the best answer to the whole problem is for the shepherds to spend more time and effort in protecting their sheep.

Being a sheep has never been an easy life. The Bible talks often about the difficulties and the dangers that can come to such defenseless little animals. They need someone to care for them and provide for their needs at all times. If not, they get into big trouble and eventually perish. Jesus compared His earthly children to sheep in John, the tenth chapter, and pointed out how there is not only a need for a shepherd but for a *good* shepherd. There are good ones, and then there are those who do their work just for the gain they obtain

from it. Without the right person to watch over and protect them, there are more problems to cope with than the average sheep can overcome.

The Old Testament speaks of Christ as the Lamb for slaughter, and John the Baptist spoke of the Lamb of God. Where there is a lamb there is usually an enemy to threaten its very existence. From the spiritual point of view, the world is literally filled with evil “coyotes.” In fact, the name itself has come to mean “a contemptible sneak.” So there is no rest for God’s lambs in this evil world. That contemptible sneak, Satan, is forever trying to get into the flock and carry away and destroy all he can.

What is the solution for today? Well, the government took the oldest method by seeking to *educate* the problem away. Do not blame this approach too much. Education has been an accepted method for a long time. When you take a sinner and educate him, you only elevate the level of transgressions. For instance, take a simple thief—he steals apples and many small objects. Give him a degree in electronics, and he then can use the computer to help him steal ten million dollars worth of merchandise. You did not change the man, you merely refined his methods.

So it seems the responsibility is now back on the owner of the sheep to care for these needy animals. I am thankful to know that when I gave my life to Jesus Christ I trusted my future, both in time and eternity, to the Good Shepherd who has full power to save and to keep His sheep to the uttermost. ☞

Springtime



The Anderson congregation

in South Carolina

It was a refreshing experience to leave the blowing snow, icy streets, and bitter air and enter the springlike atmosphere of South Carolina. Crossing the mountains, coming down into the lush green valley with spring flowers was like entering a modern-day Shangri-La.

Our visit to Anderson was exciting. Pastor Marion Thomas, an excellent gardener as well as an aggressive pastor, took me on a tour of his garden and flowering shrubbery. Azaleas, tulips, dogwood (pink and white) and magnolias were in bloom everywhere. We then drove through the city. Never have I seen a city that was so beautifully decorated with spring flowers.

Anderson, a growing city of 28,000, is located in the northwestern sector of the state. Its location on I-85 between Atlanta, Georgia, and Greenville, South Carolina, gives it many ad-

By Dr. Lester E. Pifer

vantages in the transportation and marketing fields.

This city became the target for our first home mission thrust in the state. The growth and development of its initial ministry has been exciting and beautiful. Pastor Thomas has been ably assisted by at least four Bob Jones University students who are in training for the Brethren ministry. Bob Fetterhoff from Atlanta, Georgia, Bob Smith and Bob Eby from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, Randy Senior from Long Beach, California, along with various other students, have ministered in the pulpit, in Sunday School classes, youth meetings, Child Evangelism and music. Such help from these talented young people goes far in giving impetus to a starting ministry.

A word of commendation is due

Pastor and Mrs. Thomas and the Anderson congregation for housing, feeding and giving financial assistance to these young people. The experience gained by them in helping to get a Brethren church started is invaluable along with their Christian academic training. Bob Jones University officials are to be commended for their program of Christian service. Dr. Gilbert Stenholm, who heads this area of training, has given us excellent cooperation in allowing our Brethren young people to serve in these new mission points.

Another beautiful flower of God's handiwork is beginning to bloom in Aiken, South Carolina. Several families from the Mansfield, Ohio, area were sent to Aiken to build a new manufacturing facility. Having sat under faithful Brethren ministers in the Aikenytown and Mansfield churches,

they were not content with the existing church situations. They banded together to form a nucleus to begin a new Grace Brethren Church. The Bob Jones team then split and Bob Fetterhoff and Randy Senior began their outreach ministry at Aiken.

A community hall was rented and public services began. A Good News Club was started in the Rosser home with an average attendance of 20, ten of which have made decisions to accept Christ as Saviour. Mrs. Rosser is the teacher with Mrs. Reed and Miss Lori Atkins assisting. The Bob Jones team has held monthly teenage activities, with an average attendance of 18. A religious survey is being conducted on a door-to-door basis of several areas. Advertising is appearing in the *Aiken Standard* which has also produced results. The group is raising \$100 per week for expenses and has \$604 in the bank. The highest attendance reached was 24 with an average of 18.

Rev. William Byers, southern repre-

sentative of The Brethren Home Missions Council, has been helping the Aiken church in organization and direction. He arranged for Rev. and Mrs. Steve Taylor, former associate pastor at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Grace Brethren Church, to candidate for the pastorate. Now a national mission point, the local church, the Southeast District Mission Board and The Brethren Home Missions Council have pledged their united support. The local group has given a unanimous call and the Taylors will be moving to Aiken soon.

The Taylors, having both originated from former home mission churches at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Covington, Virginia, are thrilled at the possibilities of this new field. Their training at Grace Schools and service at the growing Grace Brethren Church of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, has given them excellent preparation for this exciting task.

Aiken, South Carolina, is a growing city of almost 15,000. Geographically,

it is located between Columbia and Augusta. Rich in southern history it, too, is a beautiful garden spot in the springtime. Like the flower of the garden, we believe that our newest Grace Brethren Church is going to experience the blessing of God. By faith we praise and thank God for what He is going to do with the Word of God manifested in living people, the beauty of which shall redound to the glory of God. ☛

Pastor and Mrs. Steven Taylor



The Aiken congregation





Both the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Ohio (left), and the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif. (right), shared in the preparation of the Ross Martins for the ministry.

Sharing in the Ministry

God has made full provision for the calling, appointment, and support of all missionary personnel. Prior even to the church's existence Jesus was suggesting the proper procedure in missionary procurement in His advice to the disciples to pray "the Lord of the harvest." He likewise set a marvelous example in the matter of true compassion as He viewed the multitudes. In the vernacular of today, Jesus was truly "people conscious."

Throughout the Book of Acts we see a realization of these principles in the establishment of the Early Church. Interestingly, in every case where we find the church following the Lord's principles we see not only sufficient workers but the necessary support as well. There was a spirit of cooperation and sharing that resulted in fine wholesome churches.

A contemporary demonstration of this basic principle is found in Ross and Lois Martin, our new home missionaries at Cypress, California. They were first introduced to the Brethren Church by Dr. David Hocking when the Columbus, Ohio, church was still a home mission point. Following their confession of faith in Christ and subsequent involvement in the teaching of the Word, they soon experienced a greater interest in the Lord's work.



Dr. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of the Brethren Home Missions Council, delivers the charge to Pastor Martin.

The continued emphasis of reaching others for Christ and the sound principle of discipleship ultimately brought these two young Christians to Grace Seminary to prepare for a full-time ministry.

Pastor Jim Custer and the folks "back home" at Columbus never ceased to pray for this young couple throughout the years of training. It was neither accidental nor incidental that on January 5, 1975, following a stirring message by this young candidate, the Grace Brethren Church of Worthington, Ohio, licensed this young preacher to the Brethren ministry. Those who watched the "laying on of hands" by the elders and listened to the solemn injunction by Pastor Jim Custer were reminded that God was still "Lord of the harvest."

It was not coincidence either, that far across the continent a small group of believers learned of Ross's availability. They extended to him an invitation to candidate and then unanimously voted to extend him a call. This fine congregation had been carefully and lovingly nurtured by Dr. Charles Mayes, retired, of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach.

The sharing in this young pastor's ministry has not ended at this point. The First Brethren Church of Long



Dedication, the final step, was performed by the elders of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Beach, in a heartwarming service on February 9, pledged their interest and support, and like the Philippian church of Paul's day entered into a delightful relationship with a new church. The Scripture is clear "... he that ministereth seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness" (II Cor. 9:10).

Joining in with the elders, Dr. Lester Pifer of The Brethren Home Missions Council, shared in the dedication of this home missionary to the task. Pastor Ross Martin and his family began this first ministry, assured that they do not stand alone. They know that others, along with the fine congregation at Cypress, are standing with them in the work where God has called them. When God's principles are followed, we can be confident that not only will the Word have the effect in the hearts of listeners, but every need will be met in the eternal resources of heaven.



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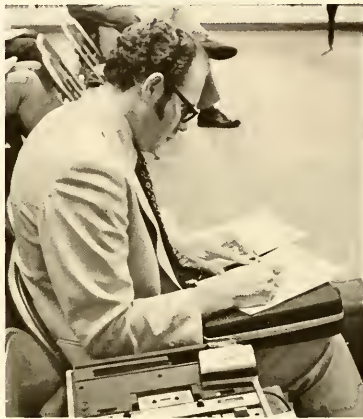
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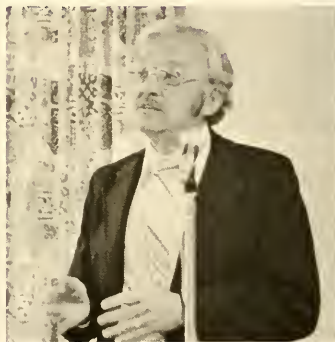
Dr. David Hocking, workshop speaker



Rev. James Poyner takes in valuable information.



Dr. Robert Collitt, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md., host for the Eastern Workshop.



Group activities helped drive the principles home.



EASTERN

WORKSHOPS '75



Pastor James Custer, workshop speaker, shares insights with two pastors.

Refreshment breaks gave opportunity for fellowship.



Rev. Richard Cron was prepared with his lunch bucket.

Rev. Robert Thompson, western field secretary for Brethren Home Missions (left), greets Pastor John Gillis of the Grace Brethren Church of Simi, Calif., the host church.



WESTERN

Workshops East and West

In the air and on the ground, following the turnpikes and the freeways they came! From the East, West, North and South—a diverse group, indeed. But each one is characterized by a single objective that makes them a family. They are knit together around that one great common bond—a burning desire to become more effective as a minister of the Gospel. This was the hallmark of the Brethren Home Missions Pastors Workshop again this year.

To expedite the Workshop it was held in two places again this year—California and Maryland. The hospitable folks of the Simi Valley Community Brethren Church, which only one year ago was itself a home missions point, hosted the conference in the West. At the opposite end of the country the Grace Brethren Church of Hagerstown, Maryland, a self-supporting church of long standing, opened its newly dedicated educational facilities to the visiting home mission pastors and their wives.

No page in the book of hospitality was left unturned by these gracious churches in order to make each person feel at home. The culinary exploits of the kitchen crews could only have been equaled, but not surpassed, by the "Galloping Gourmet" himself. Many new and lasting friendships were made on the part of hosts and guests alike as homes were opened to these VIPs in home missions. A tender and compassionate interest in missions was evident in the personal dedication of every person who labored so hard to make this year's Workshops the success they were.

Although the schedule was full with something going on every hour no one was heard to complain except, perhaps, an occasional groan from a body protesting the long hours of physical inactivity. A careful perusal of the daily schedule bears mute testimony to the practical nature of the Workshop sessions. Only those individuals

By Robert W. Thompson

whose personal ministries have demonstrated the practicality of their message were invited to share. With the exception of the ladies' sessions conducted by Mrs. Cindy Byers whose Workshops were labeled *For Women Only*, this reporter can give personal witness to the superb quality of the material. Based on the competent testimony of those who were present for these sessions behind closed doors it can be said that they, too, were "right on!"

Since preaching, of course, is basic to the pastoral ministry the theme of the Workshops really centered around the pastor and his pulpit. Pastor Dave Hocking of the First Brethren Church

of Long Beach and Pastor Jim Custer of the Grace Brethren Church of Worthington, Ohio, were urged to emphasize this particular area of the pastor's work. It was observed by those present that not only was the material extremely beneficial but its precise demonstration on behalf of the speakers was greatly appreciated.

No Oscars or Emmys were presented to any of those participating in the Workshops or to the many that made them possible. There is little question, however, that there will be trophies of grace that will adorn the halls of heaven as a result of the personal decisions and renewed spirits effected in the hearts of those pastors present at the Home Mission Workshops of 1975.

The Eastern Workshop



The Western Workshop





MAN to MAN

"faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" II Timothy 2:2

THE MEN'S VOICE OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

Men With One Accord

A workshop on "How to Have an Effective Boys Ministry" was held at the Community Brethren Church, Whittier, California, on February 7-8. The speakers were Rev. Edward Jackson from Kenai, Alaska, and Jack Cline from Hagerstown, Maryland.

Thirty men were in attendance for this special seminar, with several representatives traveling long distances in

order to participate. Activities included a report of our Brethren boys work, slides of Alaska, and six hours of instruction. The workshop was concluded with a delicious buffet luncheon on Saturday and a great time of fellowship. The men left with a new concept of how to minister to boys in their local churches.

Fifty-seven men from the Indiana District attended a men's fellowship at the Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church, Kokomo, February 21.

Featured on the program was a slide presentation by Jack Cline, director of boys ministries. The slides pictured a successful boys ministry in Kenai, Alaska.

Eight churches were represented and four pastors attended.

Would you like a workshop to be conducted in your area?

Contact Jack Cline, Grace Brethren Church, First and Spruce Streets, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740, phone: 301/739-1726.

Jack Cline (below) addressed groups at Whittier and Kokomo.



Men at the Whittier workshop (above and right) enjoyed the instruction and food. The Executive Committee of the NFBGM (below) met at Kokomo.





NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

Richmond, Va. Teens from the Southeast District and part of the Mid-Atlantic District converged on this home-mission church for a "Get All Excited" fun and inspirational rally Mar. 7-8.

The film "Flame in the Wind" was shown, and several made public decisions for Christ. Youth from Bob Jones University and the Grace Brethren Church of Anderson, S.C., provided music and devotions. Youth evangelist, Denny Walters, of Huntington, W. Va., exhibited his great physical prowess in a weight-lifting demonstration. Following a pizza refreshment hour, the entire group went out for a night on the town featuring ice skating, bowling, and miniature golf. The festivities lasted all night long. Early Saturday morning 161 bleary-eyed people had breakfast at a local pancake house. Ron Thompson, pastor.



Mr. and Mrs. Al Rager (left) and Myra Bunn (right) share in the Missionary Fair at Rialto with Rev. and Mrs. Larry DeArme and Ginette.

Rialto, Calif. Members and friends of the Rialto Brethren Church were able to visit nine mission fields in the course of one evening—back to magic carpet days. Missionary Larry DeArme spoke and showed slides of France for the evening worship service of the second annual "Mission Fair." The congregation then toured the nine mission fields by slides.

A variety of national foods was offered at the booth of each country. **Argentina** was visited with quince and sweet potato dessert and mate; **Brazil** with Brazil nuts; **France** with French onion soup, French coffee and cream puffs; **Hawaii** with fresh pineapple; **Puerto Rico** with chili beans, chicken-rice and Puerto Rican coffee; **Jewish** with lox and bagels; **Germany** with cheese on German black bread; **Mexico** with pan dulce, Mexican chocolate and Mexican dulce; and **Africa** with chocolate-covered ants, dried caterpillars, and petrified python. Rev. Dale Brock, pastor.

Harrisburg, Pa. The Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church was one of 25 evangelical churches which participated in a unique area-wide Missionary Fair Mar. 1-2. Forty-two missionary organizations were represented, each with a table display in the Youth for Christ building. An estimated 2,000 came to view the displays and talk with mission representatives. Dr. Dick Hillis spoke at the missionary rally which opened with a parade of all missionaries in attendance. The Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church was represented by Rev. John W. Zielasko, foreign secretary. Phillip Simmons, pastor.

Wanted. Rev. Robert Crees of Goshen, Ind., would like to purchase volume one of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*. He needs it to complete a set of 35 volumes he has collected during his years as a Herald board member. He is offering \$35 for the volume. Contact him at 2000 W. Wilden, Box 138, Goshen, Ind. 46526.

Change. Please add the following name to the list of Brethren ministers in your *Annual*: Robert D. Culver, Th.D., 6345 Huntington Ave., Lincoln, Nebr. 68057, phone 402/466-4326.

THREE HOUSING AND MEAL PLANS OFFERED FOR 1975 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The following plans for housing and meals are offered by Grace Schools:

- PLAN A** — Share bath, no air conditioning (College)
Room, \$3.50 per person
Meals, \$7.25 per person
Total cost, \$10.75 per day per person
- PLAN B** — Air conditioned—share bath (College)
Room, \$4.00 per person
Meals, \$7.25 per person
Total cost, \$11.25 per day per person
- PLAN C** — Air conditioned—private bath
(Winona Hotel, Lakeside, McKee)
Room (with room makeup), \$5.00 per person
Meals, \$7.25 per person
Total cost, \$12.25 per day per person

Dates for this year's national conference will be August 1-8. All of the above plans are on a first come, first served basis, and are based on six days or more. The room charges are based on two or more people per room. Complete details are contained in a mini-program bulletin insert which will be mailed to all churches prior to May 1. All reservations should be sent to Grace Schools, Mrs. Leslie Moore, Director of Campus Housing, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590, and should be accompanied by a \$10.00 deposit which will serve as the registration fee.

Ashland, Ohio. Dedication services for the new Grace Learning Center were held Apr. 13 at the Grace Brethren Church. The center contains six classrooms (36'x24') and three offices. Dr. David Burnham, pastor of the Chapel in University Park, Akron, Ohio, was guest speaker. Knute Larson, pastor.

Long Beach, Calif. The King's Players of Biola College presented the drama "Of Six Who Died" for the evening service of the North Long Beach Brethren Church on Mar. 9. The team has presented this play in over 30 countries. Over 500,000 people have seen the play in person, and several million have seen it on television. George Peek, pastor.

Hammond, Ind. (EP)—The First Baptist Church of Hammond, Ind., which boasts of having the world's largest Sunday School, has dedicated a new \$2 million auditorium seating 5,000.

Eighty-eight-year-old Robert G. Lee was the featured speaker, appearing with Pastor Jack Hyles.

Fort Wayne, Ind. A goal of \$2,500 was set for "Support Your Pastor Sunday" at the First Brethren Church, Mar. 2. The offering was received to eliminate a general fund deficit. Special gifts that day amounted to \$2,691 and \$266 was added the next week for a total of \$2,957. Regular offerings also exceeded the budget needs. Galen M. Lingenfelter, pastor.

Washington, D.C. (EP)—The number of marriages performed in the U.S. during 1974 declined for the first year since 1958, while the number and rate of divorces increased for the 12th consecutive year, according to provisional statistics of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. During the year, 2,223,000 marriages were performed, 54,000 (or 2.4 percent) fewer than the number in 1973. "This occurred in spite of an increased population at marriageable ages," HEW added.

The 970,000 estimated divorces during 1974 represented an increase of 57,000 (or 6.2 percent) over 1973. This total was 135 percent (or 557,000) more than the number of divorces in 1962.

The number of marriages declined in 36 states last year, with each geographic region reporting fewer marriages except the West South Central area, which includes Texas where marriages increased.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Ashland, Ohio (Grace). Apr. 20-23; Knute Larson, pastor, Glenn O'Neal, speaker.

Grafton, W.Va. Apr. 20-30; Paul Mohler, pastor; Harold Etling, speaker.

Tucson, Ariz. Apr. 27-May 1; Kenneth Curtis, pastor; Lester E. Pifer, speaker.

Corapolis, Pa. (Bon Meade). Apr. 27-May 2; Roger Mayes, pastor; Luke Kauffman, speaker.

Covington, Ohio. May 4-9; Gerald Root, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker.

Gresham, Oreg. May 4-11; Roy Polman, pastor; Henry Rempel, speaker.

Change. Rev. and Mrs. Terrance T. Taylor, P.O. Box 185, Hope, N.J. 07844, phone 201/459-4050.

Mabton, Wash. Rev. Howard Snively resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church to become pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Ankenytown, Ohio. He began duties Apr. 5.

Wedding Bells

A six-months' free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to new subscribers whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Anita Maxwell and Kenneth Biddle, Dec. 14, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Elaine Brenneman and Walter Poupart, Dec. 28, Summit Hills, P.R. Elaine is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Maxwell Brenneman of the Grace Brethren Bible Church.

Robyn Brensinger and Gilbert Brightbill, Feb. 22, Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa.

Robin Hurst and Earl Jentes, Feb. 22, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

DENLINGER, Vearl, Jan. 27. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Englewood, Ohio. Gerald Polman, pastor.

GEORGE, Marabelle, 36, Feb. 28. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Worthington, Ohio. James Custer, pastor.

GUINN, James A., 63, Feb. 16. He was a member of the Vernon Brethren Church, Telford, Tenn. Donald W. Farner, pastor.

HART, William E., 55, Jan. 8. He served as business manager for the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Worthington, Ohio. James Custer, pastor.

MORRELL, Geneva C., 63, Mar. 16. She was a faithful deaconess, choir director, and organist for the Harrah Brethren Church, Harrah, Wash. Charles H. Winter, pastor.

PRED, Adrian, 57, Feb. 17. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio. Richard E. Grant, pastor.

RIESEN, Gideon, 70, Nov. 6. He was a former member of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind., for over 20 years; and a member of the First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., for over 35 years. Galen Lingenfelter, pastor.

SCHAADT, Lena (Judy), Feb. 23. She was a member of the Bethel Brethren Church, Berne, Ind. Earle Peer, pastor.

SECRIST, Briant, 64, Dec. 11. He was baptized and received into the membership of the First Brethren Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., on May 5, 1974. Galen M. Lingenfelter, pastor.

TURNER, Frances E., 75, Feb. 18. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio. She was the mother of Rev. Charles W. Turner, editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*, and Mrs. Richard Grant, pastor's wife, from Canton, Ohio. Gerald Teeter, pastor.

Kent, Davis Named To Succeed Hoyt

Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., and Dr. John J. Davis were named an administrative team to succeed the current president of Grace Schools, Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, during the school's February board meetings. Dr. Kent was named president-elect and Dr. Davis was named executive vice president-elect in an announcement first made public at a dinner meeting of Grace Schools faculty and trustees on February 25, 1975, at the Winona Hotel. The announcement was made by Dr. Kenneth B. Ashman, chairman of the schools' board of trustees.

Dr. Kent, who has been with Grace Schools since 1949, currently serves as vice president of Grace Schools and dean of the seminary, as well as professor of New Testament and Greek. Davis, who joined the Grace faculty in 1965, is director of admissions and registrar for the seminary, as well as associate professor of Old Testament and Hebrew. Kent and Davis will continue to serve under President Hoyt through the 1975-76 academic year, assuming their posts as president and executive vice president on September 1, 1976.

Following a predetermined course of action, a search and screen committee composed of trustees and Grace faculty members has been working to obtain and screen nominations for the top administrative post for approximately three years. In making the announcement Dr. Ashman expressed appreciation to the committee and its chairman, Richard Holmes, for its thoroughness and hard work.

Dr. Kent, who succeeded his father as vice president of Grace Schools in 1969, is a graduate of Bob Jones University (A.B., cum laude) and Grace Theological Seminary (B.D. summa cum laude, Th.M., Th.D.). He served as assistant to the dean from 1958 to 1962, and was named dean of the seminary upon Dr. Hoyt's elevation to the presidency in 1962. He has also studied at the American Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem and has participated in and led several study tours to the Bible Lands, including one this past January.

He has published five books and numerous magazine articles and contributions to scholarly publications. He is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society and the American Association for Higher Education, and was named to *Outstanding Educators of America* in 1970.

Kent, who is 48, was born in Washington, D.C., and is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Homer A. Kent of Winona Lake. Dr. Kent, Sr., served Grace Schools as vice president from 1962-69. Kent, Jr., is married to the former Beverly Page and they are parents of three children: Rebecca, a sophomore at Grace College; and Katherine and Daniel, students in Warsaw Community Schools. He is a member of the Winona Lake Brethren Church and lives at 305 Sixth Street in Winona Lake.

Dr. John J. Davis holds the B.A. degree from Trinity College (Florida) and the B.D. (cum laude), Th.M., and Th.D. from Grace Theological Seminary. He has done graduate study at

the Near East School of Archaeology in Jerusalem and at Indiana University. He was also awarded the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Trinity College.

Davis, 38, has participated frequently in archaeological expeditions to the Holy Land. In 1968 he served as academic dean for the Wheaton Summer Institute of Archaeology in Jerusalem, and in 1970 and 1971 was executive dean of the Near East Institute of Archaeology in Jerusalem.

Davis has pastored churches in Tampa, Florida, and in South Whitley, Indiana, and is a member of the Evangelical Theological Society, the American Schools of Oriental Research, the National Association of Professors of Hebrew, and the Near East Archaeological Society. He has authored seven books and numerous magazine and scholarly articles, and was nominated to appear in the 1971 and 1972 editions of *Outstanding Educators in America*.

A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Davis is married to the former Carolyn Clark and is a member of the Winona Lake Brethren Church. The Davises reside on R. R. 3, Warsaw (Kelly Addition), and are the parents of one daughter, Debbie, a student at Warsaw Community High School.

Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, only the second president in the history of Grace Schools, succeeded Dr. Alva J. McClain to that post in 1962. Dr. Hoyt is planning to retire from administrative responsibilities on August 31, 1977, upon reaching mandatory retirement age of 68. He will stay on as chancellor and advisor during the 1976-77 school year, according to the present plan.

In making the announcement, Dr. Ashman, board chairman, indicated that there will be a "restructuring" of the school's administration by the time Kent and Davis assume full responsibility for the leadership of Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary. Announcement of the administrative nominees to the student bodies of the two schools took place at the 9:30 a.m. chapel hour the following day.

From left: Dr. Herman Hoyt, Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., Dr. John Davis.



World Evangelization

A MYTH, A DREAM, OR A REALITY?

"Let the Earth Hear His Voice!" This was the united heart cry of the more than 2,000 who signed the Lausanne Covenant and reaffirmed their commitment to the cause of world evangelization. But the emotion of Lausanne has passed. Will world evangelization become a reality? Or is it just a dream? Or even a myth?

Let's face it, similar declarations have been made before, but the fields "white unto harvest" have yet to be reaped. Lausanne, too, will pass into history as just a dream unless the Church of Jesus Christ does some hard thinking *now* with respect to its communication strategy. It is time to focus with new urgency on a *Spirit-led, research-based strategy* geared to the realities of today.

Some Cobwebs of Misunderstanding

Perhaps understandably, evangelicals tend to be highly message centered. Great attention is properly focused on retaining the purity of the Word of God, polishing and honing it so that proper theological underpinnings are maintained. Given the purity of the message, the task of evangelism is conceived as follows:

EXPOSURE	RESPONSE
(sending the message from the pulpit, over the air, in print, or in person)	(the spiritual results intended by God)

The buttressing Biblical root of this strategy is Isaiah 55:11 where God said "...my word shall not return to me empty (void) without accomplishing what I desire."

While no one can deny a core of validity in this conception, how can the following empirical findings from various Wheaton Communications Research studies and other sources be explained?

Twenty percent or less of the readers of a teenage Christian magazine even bothered to look at the four leading articles.

A Christian-owned radio station of-

fered both secular and religious programs. Average listenership to the religious programs was at least 50 percent below that of the secular programs.

A Christian radio station claiming to be reaching a potential audience of many millions was actually found to have an audience of no more than 6,500 for any quarter-hour segment, and nearly all of these were females over age 50 with high school education. Younger listeners, in particular, actively avoided the station.

House-to-house Bible distribution in a certain Asian country failed to produce readership of the Bible; in fact, most Bibles were discarded. Similarly, the vast majority of Bibles given to prisoners ended their way into trash cans.

The fact of the matter is that the word can return void, and the blame rests with the communicator, not with God.

First, the Isaiah passage is often improperly interpreted to assume that God somehow will take anything we

say and use it for His purposes. A well-known Christian leader once told me that he had no responsibility other than to air his radio program and leave the results to God. When queried on the results which were being produced he replied, "I haven't the faintest idea—that's God's concern, not mine." This is not the meaning of the Isaiah passage. It makes reference only to the great promises God has given the nation of Israel, especially those to be fulfilled in the millennial age. It says, in effect, that He will stand behind His covenants, and the entire passage was written to give comfort.

While it is true that spiritual response in the life of the hearer comes only through the ministry of the Spirit, man has a responsibility as well. The "leave-it-to-God" attitude is all too common and, in the final analysis, it reflects poor stewardship.

We cannot ignore the fact that the recipient of the message has a God-given ability to see and hear what he or she wants to see and hear. The incoming communication stimulus must pass through a filter containing learned patterns of thinking and behaving, attitudes and values, personality traits, and so forth. Thousands of published and unpublished studies demonstrate that exposure does not equal response and that the communication process is multistaged.

EXPOSURE ATTENTION COMPREHENSION RETENTION RESPONSE

First, unwanted communication can be completely filtered out by the audience through *selective attention*. Next, the meaning which is comprehended or retained once a message captures attention may be something quite different from that intended by the sender. This selective information processing is by no means confined to the secular world. It is demonstrated convincingly by the growing body of

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By
James F.
Engel

Grace Schools Editor's Note: Dr. James F. Engel, director of the graduate program in communication at Wheaton (Ill.) College, was the alumni-sponsored speaker at this year's Grace Bible Conference, speaking each day to the combined college and seminary student bodies. This article, copyright 1975 and reprinted by permission from *Spectrum*, summarizes well Dr. Engel's series of lectures. A nationally recognized authority in the field of consumer behavior, he holds the B.S. degree from Drake University and the M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois. He served on the faculty of marketing at Ohio State University from 1963 to 1972, when he joined the Wheaton faculty.

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Christian communication evidence.

What, then, is the key to successful communication? The answer is in the fact that we must, to put it in the vernacular, "scratch where people itch," if the message is to attract attention, be comprehended and retained, and responded to as intended. The key to an open filter is to uncover points of felt need and speak to these needs using a combination of message and media appropriate to the total lifestyle and understanding of audience members. The best model is provided by the example of the Master Communicator, Jesus Christ. While Jesus never wavered from His purpose of proclaiming the Good News, He always approached people at the point of felt need. He did not approach the woman at the well by asking her whether she wanted to be born again. Rather, He began by speaking to her need of the moment, based on keen insight gathered through powers of observation. Then He moved to the true spiritual need.

Jesus also recognized that some, particularly the Pharisees, had closed filters and would misunderstand everything He said. Therefore, He concentrated His efforts on people seeking a change in life, sinners in need of a Saviour.

The Christian communicator must be both message centered and audience centered. The objective is to adapt message and media to the audience without compromising Biblical truth. The Word of God, properly stripped of Western cultural baggage, is a constant which can never vary. But the way in which it is presented is variable, depending upon the level of Biblical understanding, needs and motivations, and attitudes of the audience. Otherwise, the message will be falsely comprehended, and the Holy Spirit will be deprived of an opportunity to exercise the ministry of conviction, regeneration, or sanctification. We have a responsibility, then, which cannot be avoided if world evangelization is to become a reality.

Understanding the Spiritual Decision Process

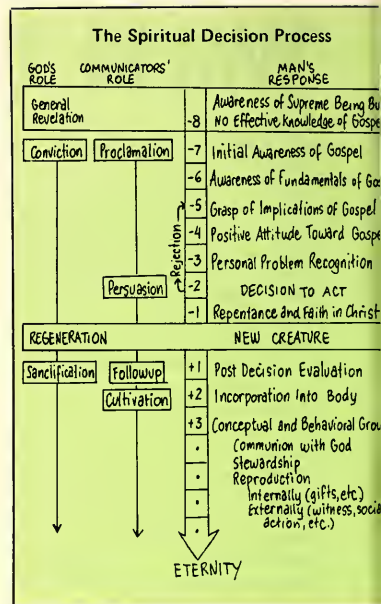
Since the communicator must be both message and audience centered, it becomes imperative that the message and media be properly adapted to the reality of spiritual decision making behavior. This section discusses the fundamentals of this decision process in the context of a multiple media, multiple church strategy.

The Spiritual Pilgrimage

Examine the model carefully. While it appears complex at first glance, the concepts are not difficult to grasp.

Everyone falls somewhere on this continuum in terms of his relationship to Christ. Some may lie at the very top in that they have only a dim grasp of the reality of God through general revelation (nature and conscience). Others understand more fully the fundamentals of the Gospel (especially the truths of monotheism, the sinful nature of man and the uniqueness of Jesus) and fall somewhere between positions -7 and -3. The people at these stages, however, have not as yet reached the point where there is a strong felt need for change and motivation to open the perceptual filter to a serious consideration of a life commitment to Jesus Christ. This occurs only when there is a grasp of the implications of the Gospel accompanied by personal problem recognition (stage -2).

When the person is at stage -2 the only options are to reject the message or to repent and commit his life to Christ by faith, becoming a new creature. Assuming a valid life commitment is made, the Christian growth process begins. The first stage (-1) is often one of post decision evaluation accompanied by doubts and anxiety about the decision's validity and permanence. Doubts can be reduced through proper follow-up which stresses the basic truths of the Gospel again and the meaning of faith. Simultaneously, the new believer is assimilated into the fellowship of the body of Jesus Christ, usually through the formal means of baptism (stage -2). This stage is emphasized because spiritual growth is otherwise drastically im-



paired or even impossible. Growth and maturity then commence and continue throughout his lifetime.

The model is open ended. All Christians are at some stage in the process of understanding and applying Biblical truths about communion with God (worship, prayer, Bible study), stewardship, and reproduction (internally within the body through use of spiritual gifts and externally to the world through the ministries of verbal witness and social concern).

God and Man in the Mission of the Church

The objective of Christian communication is always to move people in their decision process: toward Christ initially, then, following the new birth, to greater maturity. God and man cooperate uniquely in this process. When an individual falls at stage -8, God uses general revelation to initiate awareness of the Supreme Being and His attributes. Following that initial awareness, God through the Holy Spirit works within the life to bring about conviction, followed by regeneration once the life commitment is made. The Spirit then functions to actuate spiritual growth through the ministry of sanctification. This is all depicted on the left side of the chart.

The Christian communicator has a vital role, because communication provides the grist used by the Spirit to move people in their decision process. When the audience members fall within stages -7 to -3, the role of the communicator is to **proclaim**—to build essential awareness of the truths of monotheism, sin, and the uniqueness of Jesus. Without this base of awareness, a valid and lasting spiritual decision *cannot be made*. It makes no sense, for example, to induce someone to pray the sinner's prayer when he does not even understand the meaning of sin. Yes, he might pray the prayer, but in all probability nothing of lasting value has happened.

The call for decision, our usual definition of evangelism is appropriate *only* when stage -2 has been reached. The individual's filter is now open because of felt need for change, and, in addition, sufficient understanding exists to make an informed decision. Now it is appropriate to shift to a strategy of **persuasion**—a clear presentation of how a person commits his life to Christ followed by an encouragement to take that step. Persuasion can never be placed before proclamation, but we often try to do so. If the individual refuses to commit his life to Christ, then the communicator should drop back to restressing the basic claims of the Gospel, shown in the diagram by an arrow back to stage -5. The goal is to make certain that the person truly grasps the meaning of the Good News.

The strategy of **follow-up** reviews the basics of the Gospel to remove doubt. **Cultivation** begins as communication builds basic doctrinal awareness and forges keys which apply Biblical truth to problems inevitable to the Christian life. I am convinced growth occurs as problems are encountered. It is the responsibility of the communicator to provide practical guidance in their solutions.

The Message

When we misunderstand the audience decision processes, we assume that every communication to the non-Christian must stress the plan of salvation. What will these truths mean, however, to one who is at stage -7? First there will be no comprehension. But, even more critically, there may be no felt need for change. Thus, the mes-

sage *will* return void because our strategy is misdirected. To paraphrase a little doggerel by Kenneth Boulding,

Christian communication is like a blunderbuss,

For all our muss and fuss,

We fire a monstrous charge of shot,
And sometimes hit but mostly not.

In the strategies of **proclamation** and **persuasion** (traditionally called **evangelism**), we must speak in terms of audience awareness levels. If, for example, there is no understanding of man's sin nature, it should become the focus of our message. Keep in mind, however, that there will be minimal attention, comprehension, retention, and response unless the message is phrased to answer the basic needs and motivations of the target audience. Biblical truth apart from the life-style of the recipient is only a barren abstraction, no matter how finely polished or neatly packaged it is.

Similarly, the strategy of **cultivation** requires the communication of Biblical content to provide the basis for Christian maturity. As with **proclamation**, doctrine is only an abstraction if it does not speak to audience needs and problems.

What this boils down to is that message strategy requires, at the very minimum, firm information about both Biblical awareness and life-styles of audience members. Without research information it is impossible to communicate. Furthermore, our messages, to be successful, must help the individual move from one stage in the decision process to the next. We will fail unless we fire a "rifle shot" rather than our usual blunderbuss.

The Media

We tend to use all media as a blunderbuss when each has its unique role, depending upon the spiritual status of the audience. When the audience lies between -8 and -1, the mass media, in general, are appropriate only as tools of proclamation. Uniquely designed to build awareness, they stimulate interest in Christianity and bring about fundamental attitude change which lays the basis for a later decision. Secular radio and audio cassettes, in particular, are vital media in today's world which is often responsive to audio and visual stimuli. The appropriateness of print or visual and audio media ultimately must be determined experimentally

with each audience or market target.

We must face the fact that we usually force the mass media into a role it cannot legitimately assume—the role of persuasion. History demonstrates that the interpersonal communication medium is the best way to stimulate a person to commitment. Occasionally radio or print evoke commitment, but this is the exception rather than the rule. We must use the media for purposes best suited to it. Radio, for example, can have a dramatic impact when it builds awareness or sows seed. Persuasion is not radio's primary role, so why force an unnatural role upon it?

The mass media can function in follow-up and cultivation, but the teaching ministry of the church is more natural for the job (assuming the presence of a mature, functioning church). The mass media are supplementary.

Ultimately, each communication situation requires a mix of media which is appropriate only for that circumstance. A combination of media can achieve a greater impact than any single medium. It is time that we stop viewing ourselves as print or radio people, or whatever our medium is, and view ourselves as multiple media strategists!

Finally, we all recognize that the church is the medium of evangelism, but seldom have any steps been taken to integrate mass media into the ministry of the church. It is absurd, for example, to concentrate on successful proclamation through mass media only to have the impact drift into oblivion through a dying church. Churches obviously must be mobilized for aggressive persuasion through personal witness once the basis of awareness and interest has been stimulated.

From Dream to Reality

Is the multiple church, multiple media strategy only a dream? Perhaps so at the present time, but Lausanne has stimulated the Church worldwide to center anew on its task. The step from dream to reality, as I see it, is to measure empirically the spiritual status of those in target audiences. Once the facts are known, then we have the basis for a combination of men, message, and media to bring into reality a research-based, Spirit-led strategy. Hopefully we can help point Christians in that direction. ☛

Grace Trustees Launch Optimistic Program

On September 1, 1976, the third president in the history of Grace Schools will take office. For more than three years the board of trustees has been in search of a man to fill this position. This search culminated in the vote of the board on Tuesday, February 25, 1975, naming Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr. The announcement was made at a banquet in the evening of that day when trustees, faculty, and staff joined in fellowship as one of the highlights of the annual board meeting.

To assist Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., in his task of administration, Dr. John J. Davis was appointed as executive vice president. These two men will serve as a team to carry the load of administrative responsibility that has more than tripled in the last 13 years. This approach to the problems of administration will enable each one of these men to carry a load of teaching, which is their first love, and at the same time discharge the many duties associated with leading a school.

This approach was not at first envisioned by the board of trustees. But in the gradual unfolding of the leading of the Lord, this arrangement took shape and met with the approval of the board as a way of handling the operation of the school. At the same time these men will continue their classroom ministry where they have already made such remarkable contribution and where they are still needed.

Under the leadership of these men there will be further restructuring of the organization to produce an efficient operation of both college and seminary. For the coming year they will be known as president-elect and executive vice president-elect. They will be working with the president and the board of trustees to complete the arrangements for the fall of 1976. Dr. Kent will continue to serve in his present capacities as dean of the seminary and professor of New Testament and Greek, and Dr. Davis as director of admissions for the seminary and professor of Old Testament and Hebrew.

There is strong reason for thanks-

Dr. Herman A. Hoyt
President, Grace Schools

giving to God for the selection of these two men. The direction in which a school moves is largely dependent upon the men who are called to lead it. These men are true servants of God committed to the Bible as the infallible and inerrant Word. They are scholars and academicians in the highest sense of those terms. They have demonstrated their devotion to Grace Schools over a period of years. Both have taught in the college as well as in the seminary, and clearly understand the close bond between these schools. Pray for them as you pray for the schools, that the transition to the new administration will be strong and forceful and encouraging.

Future Building Program

With enthusiasm and determination, the board of trustees launched a three-phase building program for the future. The first phase involves a science building, the second a fine arts building, and the third an athletic field house. Each phase of this building program will merge into the succeeding one until it is complete. The first phase is made contingent upon the raising of \$350,000. With real energy and ambition, the first phase could be launched in the fall of 1976 when the new administration takes over. Almost \$200,000 is already on hand. If our people have a mind to accomplish this project, surely another \$150,000 could be raised during the next year. The board of trustees voted unanimously to support this program, and they are now calling on our people to join them.

Prospects for the New Year

The board of trustees adopted a budget nearing two and one half million. Encouragement for this grew out of advance applications for the coming school year. Not only has the Lord amazingly met the needs of Grace Schools through the school year now

current, but prospects of student growth strongly imply that the Lord intends to use these schools even more widely in the coming year.

The seminary has grown to such proportions that it was necessary for the board to appoint two new teachers to that division. The college, too, shows signs of further development. This growth at a time of general decline in private schools is indication that God has a special purpose for Grace Schools.

Thousands of you people have been praying for Grace Schools and God has answered your prayers. I am sure He wants to use you as a means to the end for the completion of those prayers. This school is dependent upon your gifts for operation. And students especially are in need of help. If you have funds that you could give to Grace to use in a revolving loan fund, this would mean much to keep students in school, and to encourage others to come.

Government funds are drying up. We suffered further decline in this present year. That is going to make it more difficult to complete this year in the black, though we are still working and praying to that end. Let's not disappoint these Christian students who are ambitious to get their training for lifework.

There Is One Whom We Can Trust

I sat in the office of one of the businessmen in our community recently. I had gone to thank him for a sizable gift he had made to the school. As we discussed the financial trends of our day, the apparent confusion in Washington, the pressure of Arab oil cartels, the shortages developing across the world, the uncertainties of the economy, I was led to say to him, "Well, I'm glad that at a time like this we have the Lord to trust." His response was immediate. "He's the only One you can trust."

He was so right. If the instability of the world is disturbing you, stop for a moment and consider this One who is

called Lord. He is called Wonderful, Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father. This last expression means that He is the father of the ages. He brought them into existence (Heb. 1:2). He upholds all things by the word of His power (Heb. 1:3). He works all things after the counsel of His own will (Eph. 1:11). And more amazing than anything else, for those who are His own He works everything for good (Rom. 8:28).

This means that nothing happens to us except that it ministers to our good. The loss of a job, the pantry almost bare, the house growing cold for lack of heat, clothes growing old and threadbare—can there be any good in these things? It seems not, when we look merely at those things immediately at hand. But is it possible that in a larger framework they may be used of God to draw us nearer to Him? The supreme purpose of God is that we shall become conformed to the image of His Son, and experience at the end of the way complete glorification (Rom. 8:28-30). In order to accomplish this end, God uses means to that end. Perhaps one of the outstanding means is deprivation of material benefits. This compels us to look to Him. This teaches us that real gain is godliness (1 Tim. 6:5-10). It has the promise of the life that now is, and that which is to come (1 Tim. 4:8). How easy it is to trust in secondary sources for the continuation of life, as did the rich fool, when as a matter of fact every secondary source is dependent upon God who is the primary source (Luke 12:16-21).

As I listen to the news broadcasts and read the newspapers these days, and there flashes through my mind those scenes of want and destitution, my heart goes out to these people. The bread lines of the thirties are upon us again, despite the efforts of men to provide social security. Even the present efforts of our government are feeble indeed. It is at a time like this that I could wish that all these suffering people knew our Lord, who is the only One you can trust. If you are a believer, and going through some of these difficult experiences, trust Him. These experiences are the loving hand of a great Saviour who wants you to put your trust in Him and Him alone.



H. Leslie Moore . . . "with the Lord"

Rev. H. Leslie Moore, director of housing for Grace Schools, went home to be with the Lord on February 27, 1975, after having suffered a fatal heart attack while doing one of the things he enjoyed most—watching a Grace Lancers basketball game.

Mr. Moore, often described as the Lancers Number One Fan, was well known for his colorful and nearly fanatic support of Grace athletic teams. Easily picked out of the crowd as the enthusiastic fan with the red hat, he will be remembered by several generations of Grace students as both a "substitute dad" in the dormitory and as a loyal Lancer fan.

Mr. Moore, 59, had been director of housing at the school for the past nine years. He was born June 9, 1915, at Johnstown, Pennsylvania. In 1939 he was married at Johnstown to the former Elizabeth Miller, who survives.

The Moores moved to Winona Lake

in 1965 after having served Brethren pastorates in New Troy, Michigan; Meyersdale (Summit Mills), Pennsylvania; and Sunnyside, Washington, where their church membership remained. The Moores were faithful attenders of the Winona Lake Brethren Church and had, in fact, attended mid-week prayer meeting there only an hour before the fatal attack.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Moore is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Noel (Linda) Hoke of Winona Lake; and three granddaughters; also four brothers and one sister: Merle, Allen, DeVon, and Richard Moore, and Mrs. Grace Ream, all of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Services were conducted Monday, March 3, at the Winona Lake Brethren Church with Pastor Charles Ashman officiating. Also participating in the services were Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, Rev. Arnold Kriegbaum, Rev. Earle Peer, and Rev. James Poyner.

Having come to know Christ as Saviour in February of 1938, Mr. Moore claimed "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Isa. 26:3) as his life's verse. Known by all as an intense man of deep Christian faith and convictions, Rev. Leslie Moore left an impact for God on the lives of many. He served well his last years in the area of his greatest burden—that of young people and their spiritual welfare.

For the present, Mrs. Moore will continue her ministry as head resident of Alpha Hall on the Grace campus. Individuals wishing to contribute to a memorial fund for Mr. Moore should mark such gifts "Moore Memorial Fund."



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a loyal Lancer fan.

How Long America?

Grace Schools Editor's Note: Each year on the Grace College campus the student government sponsors a week of patriotic emphasis entitled "Americans For America Week."

In addition to a full program of special speakers and public performances, a series of contests is held in the areas of original songwriting, art, essays, speeches, and decoration of campus buildings.

Following the theme of this year's emphasis, "How Long, America?" the three essays printed here were judged to be the best from among some 60 entries in that competition. Other winners included Kim Osborne and Steve Stauffer (song contest), Jane Fretz, Karen Kincaide and Peggy Bechtel (art), and Kevin Zuber and V. L. Vawter (speech).

Columns

By Dennis Schultz

Grace College Junior

The question "How long, America?" hovers like a dark cloud over these United States of America.

It is not a negative question which implies that the U.S.S. America is shipwrecked and sinking fast, nor does it imply that all is a sweet trip for the "good ship America."

This question simply asks, how long can America continue in its present ways before it self-destructs? How long will God allow America to sail its present course before He sends judgment?

Most Americans, including many Christians, shudder at the thought of God judging America. Why, America is a *Christian* nation that trusts in God (or so our coins attest)! God would never think of judging us!

But the truth is, there is no such thing as a Christian nation. In God's plan of common grace He bestows many blessings on the righteous and unrighteous, individuals and governments alike.

No country can claim to be a chosen nation after the order of Israel. God chose the nation Israel for himself, not the other way around. And in this New Covenant, God has a new vehicle of grace—the church.

America, then, is no more a Christian nation than Lower Slobbovia. It is, though, a nation that contains many dedicated Christians. It is these individual Christians who of necessity must answer the question "How long, America?"

A multitude of woes now beset the United States of America. The "Old Immorality" is now dubbed the "New

Morality." White America is fleeing to the suburbs, leaving behind a decaying urban hub. Our national leaders are beginning to see the ugly head of war rising up in two global trouble spots. Unemployment and inflation are hitting every economic class in America. Crime rates run high, with no easy solutions in sight. Situation ethics rule in post-Watergate America.

This portrait of America's soul is not a very pretty picture. But it was not always so. God in His providence provided this land for many of His people who had to flee religious persecution in Europe.

These Puritan forefathers had a grand vision for the New World, a land dedicated to God's principles of liberty, justice, and love. But, unfortunately not every immigrant and newborn American has held this lofty dream.

As this vision of a noble and just nation declines in the hearts of men who are bent toward self instead of country, our nation also declines in its greatness.

"How long, America?" Only God knows what is in store for America. And yet all the signs we can discern point toward a nationwide decline spiritually, morally, and physically. The major burden rests with America's Christians and their Biblical mandate to preserve the good of society and to enlighten our nation's darkness.

With God's help we can build an America that may be seen throughout the world as Carl Sandburg saw us when he said: "I see America, not in the setting sun of a black night of despair ahead of us. I see America in the crimson light of a rising sun, fresh from the burning, creative hand of God."

How long, America?

Second Place

By Susan Suter

Grace College Senior

America has problems. No one is shocked; it is nothing new. The original cause of America's problems is nothing new either, yet it has been overlooked by even the most gifted statesmen.

America's problems were not originated by her political leaders. It was not the presidents, vice presidents and congressmen in power who caused America to begin to crumble. Oh yes, some have contributed more than their fair share. Some have been swindlers and crooks, protecting their own interests at the expense of the nation. But others have been just men, seeking to do the very best they could with the time and situations which they faced.

America's problems were not originated by a poorly constructed Constitution. The original system of government had new and exceptional ideas, such as the system of checks and balances in the branches of government and the plan for a truly representative form of government. These new features had great goals in view.

America's problems were not even originated by the carelessness of the people who became too busy in their own little worlds to take the time to listen to a candidate's qualifications and who even became too busy to vote.

Then from where do America's problems come? Where did they start? Which generation is responsible for them?

America's problems began as she turned from one of the basic purposes for which she was founded; that purpose being to provide a place where God could be worshiped without restraint. America's burning torch for religious freedom began to grow dim almost immediately as some of the early religious settlements began to persecute those who worshiped differently, and who began to regiment the lives of their own people with strict codes and laws. The light of the torch grew dim-

mer as people began to cling to the controls of their own lives instead of letting God lead and direct them. Today, in the age of agnosticism and skepticism and atheism, and in this age when it is unfashionable to believe that a personal relationship with Jesus Christ is even possible, that light is so dim it is in danger of being completely extinguished. When it is snuffed out; when there are no more Americans to look to God for guidance and direction in principles of government as well as in the affairs of daily life; then there will be no America, for she will have died with her ideals. When will that happen? No one can predict the future. One can only exclaim, "How long, America?"

Third Place

By John Bauman

Grace College Freshman

How long, America, can you keep putting yourself down and allowing the people to put you down whom you raised in your land of such material abundance and spiritual freedom? Even the week's theme "How Long, America?" to me suggests an attitude

of a hopeless condition which is not accurate.

I've heard lately much talk about how bad our country looks; that we should clean up America, and how we've ruined the countryside with trash. It's a good thing to be cautious about protecting the country, but I feel that they have gone overboard. We have much more good clean countryside and protected national parks and forests than those environmental protectors seem to advertise.

Air pollution is a definite problem. It takes away beauty and it makes for dirty cities. But again we've gone overboard. Though it may not be pretty, it doesn't seem to be hurting us terribly. Our average age of death is older than in the past, not younger, so we've apparently just exchanged beauty for luxuries such as cars and planes.

We all complain about high prices, but we're getting higher wages to match. The problem here, as I see it, is a lack of enough strength to give up luxuries. Our food buying and eating habits are a good example. We buy so much food that we don't need; mid-day snacks, midnight snacks, and holi-

day feasts. How many things do we buy that we don't really need? It's worth thinking about.

It hurts to see some of the losses of freedom that we as Americans are experiencing, especially in the area of business, where civil rights laws now tell us that we can't sell to or serve whomever we wish. But I also believe that the United States of America is the freest nation in the world today. We have many freedoms which we take for granted; freedoms of speech and press (illustrated by my freedom to write this paper) and freedom of religion which, in the past few years, has been lost in several countries.

How long, America? How long can your people keep putting down your great beauty and luxuries for which you have become known? How long can they complain about the loss of freedoms which they have not had to earn, but rather have received as a gift for simply being your citizen? Surely you are still the greatest country, and with the help and encouragement of the citizens you so greatly blessed, I predict you will remain just as great.

Dennis Schultz, Grace College junior, reads his winning essay entitled "How Long, America?" At right is student-body vice presi-

dent Marvin Retzer. (Photo by Doug Conrad)



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For further information contact Ron Henry, director of admissions, or Dr. Jesse Humbert, summer school director, at Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590, or call 219/267-8191.

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First Term (Four Weeks, May 27—June 20)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Instructor</u>
7:30 a.m.		
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Introduction to Literature	4	Lovelady
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Speech Communications	4	Ziegler
Introduction to Sociology	4	Taylor
General World History	4	Snider
Introduction to Physical Science I	4	DeYoung
Principles of Education	2	Uphouse
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Art Appreciation	2	Coverstone
Mathematics for Elementary Teachers	3	Humbert
Developmental Reading	3	Fink

10:45 a.m.

Book of Job	2	Snider
Educational Psychology	2	Uphouse

May 27-June 6

Workshop in Language Arts	2	Fink
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June 9-20

Workshop in Mathematical Methods for Elementary Education	2	Humbert
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6:00 p.m.

Archery and Bowling	1	Hoskins
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Second Term (Four Weeks, June 23—July 18)

7:30 a.m.

Old Testament History and Literature	4	Dearborn
History of the United States	4	Mathisen
Speech Communications	4	Ziegler
Greek Elements II	4	Smith
English Composition	4	Sauders
Music Theory IV	4	Ogden
Philosophy of Education	2	Uphouse
Physical Geography	3	Humbert
Marriage and Family	3	Taylor
Introduction to Physical Science II	4	DeYoung

6:00 p.m.

Tennis and Badminton	1	Hoskins
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To Be Arranged

Musical Acoustics	3	Dilling
Body Conditioning	1	Hoskins

Third Term (Two Weeks, July 21—August 1)

7:30 a.m.

Church History	2	Ashman
Guidance in the High School	2	Uphouse
Methods in Science	2	Dilling

6:00 p.m.

Paddleball and Golf	1	Hoskins
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To Be Arranged

Supervised Elementary Teaching	8	Uphouse
Supervised Secondary Teaching	6	Uphouse
Readings in Comparative Literature	1-3	Lovelady
Readings in American History	1-3	Henry
Readings in Recent European History	1-3	Snider
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about them?

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family of believers - Chad

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Cover Photo: Both the father and the mother in this family attend the Elementary Bible Institute. (Photo by Gordon Austin)



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Dear Readers,

I want to express my thanks to you for all of the kind expressions of sympathy at the passing of my mother. Dozens of letters, notes and cards came to me during the past several weeks filled with Christian encouragement. I will not be able to acknowledge all of these expressions with a personal response, but thank you so very much.—CWT

Dear Editor,

First, I want to thank both you and Dr. Etling for the book, *Our Heritage: Brethren Beliefs and Practices*. I believe that this will become something of a classic and perhaps one of the greatest things Dr. Etling has ever done. The acceptance of this book is tremendous. Second, I want to order 15 more copies, and no doubt will want more later. Also, I think Jim Long should be complimented for his fine teacher's resource packet.

Thanks for the great efforts to produce fine literature for the brethren in Christ Jesus.—West Virginia

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on the new study guide, *Our Heritage: Brethren Beliefs and Practices*. Appearance, layout and material are excellent. Keep ones like this coming!—California

The initial response to the new study guide on Brethren beliefs has been great. Sales at the time of writing have already passed 7,000 and are still growing. Next quarter's study guide, *The World of Unseen Spirits*, by Dr. Bernard Schneider, promises to be popular also. The orders are coming in already for it! —CWT



By Charles W. Turner
Editor

Each Thursday evening for the past several years my wife has been repeating a familiar story to me. The day and the message are the same because it is the family grocery shopping day. Her account of woe goes something like this, "You will not believe how much food has gone up this week, Honey." At first I took the matter rather lightly, but then the same message was repeated each successive week. Now I'm to the point that every time I reach for the sugar bowl my conscience stings me. The other morning I watched my son put six spoonfuls of sugar on his cereal—my wallet wept until coffee break time!

As the meat prices went higher the cost of dog food went up 20 percent. Can you imagine the difficulty I had when I tried to explain to our cockapoo why her morning ration was being cut back by 20 percent? She just doesn't understand that we have to keep within the limits of the budget.

Then it happened last week. I knew prices were getting out of hand, but it took the sign on the local Kentucky Fried Chicken establishment to shake me into reality. In bold letters the billboard proclaimed (with either pride or outright brashness), "FEED FOUR FOR \$500." My first reaction was to treat it with humor, but it really

wasn't very funny. My second reaction was to quickly look for the dot between the 5 and the 00—there was none. Could it be that my dear wife has not told me *how bad* things really are?

Certainly I know that paper and ink and hospitalization and all the other business costs have gone up sharply during the past 24 months. But \$125 per meal for fried chicken is outrageous! Yes, I know that someone made a mistake. But it remained on the board for the entire week, and it caused me to seriously consider some current events.

The way conditions are changing in this wild world of ours, it could just be the sign will go up again and the advertisement will be true. You may say, "Impossible!" But let's stop and think for just a moment. The affairs of this world are not getting any better. We can't look to our government to provide the solution—remember these are the folks who run the U.S. Postal Service! Right now they are fanning inflation while they are fighting recession. They are uncertain whether to throw gasoline or water on the fire. However,

this article was not intended to point out the flaws of the government. Rather, it is to call attention to the fact that problems are building and earthly solutions are not to be found.

It was not too long ago when we studied the Book of Revelation and read about the pouring of vials and plagues on the earth. Then later we read of war and death with great famines on the earth and large segments of the population facing shortages. Where once we looked upon these prophecies to be fulfilled, we now look upon them as near news headlines. When the tribulation arrives, the wrath of God will be made manifest. The wheat and the grain and the oil for cooking will grow short. Men will trade their full day's wages for just enough food to feed their families.

The tribulation is not here and the Church is still with us (at least at this writing). But it is not so “impossible” to see how Revelation could be a soon reality. We don’t even have to stretch our imaginations!

Yes, the sign will go up one of these days, and it will read "Feed Four for \$500." But, thank God, about that time we will be sitting down to the great feast of the Lamb of God. I trust you will be there. It is possible by the grace of God and His gracious salvation. ☪

Africa Journey

Our short visit with missionaries in Europe was over. Now a new chapter was to begin—destination Chad, Central Africa. We had read and heard much about two major problems in that beleaguered land. Both of these problems were featured as major items in leading news magazines, and now we were to see for ourselves the extent of their devastation. The first tragedy was the natural calamity caused by a severe drought in the lower Sahara which kept penetrating deeper and deeper into the countryside. On the plane into Africa we talked with a U.S. government official who told us how the United States government is trying to help. Then in the capital of the Chad, Ndjemena, we saw convoy trucks staffed by American and German personnel who were engaged in conveying food supplies to the flagellated areas. It was encouraging to learn that the U.S. government and U.S. based Christian relief organizations are trying to alleviate the sufferings of those caught in the disaster area. However, it was also great news to learn that in the section where the Brethren Foreign Missions is operating the rains did arrive, and thus guaranteed a normal crop for this year. RAB funds earmarked for the purpose of drought relief were thus not needed and could be directed to the more severe drought areas of the country.

The other tragedy revolved around the political-religious pressure applied by the government. It was initiated by a desire for cultural renewal and African identity. With this we can sympathize. Unfortunately, it also involves syncretism and other aspects repulsive to the Christian conscience. Those who resist are persecuted and stories of atrocities are wide spread. The situation was admittedly bad in some areas, resulting in the expulsion of Baptist missionaries who were caught in the initial wave of the president's fury. The missionaries left the country, and believers suffered persecution because of their faith. But again we discovered that the same type of initiation ceremonies and government pressure had not (as yet?) penetrated the section of the country served by Brethren Foreign Missions. Whether that



Gordon Austin, Kenneth Ashman, John Zielasko. Albert Balzer in the background.

A Moment with Missions

By Rev. J. W. Zielasko
Foreign Secretary



Pastors on the way to conference. Some rode 50 miles to get there.



Jake Kliever at the postgraduate course with Chadian pastors.



Elsie Balzer and Jane Peters engaged in village evangelism.



Pastors conference at Bozoum.



Elementary Bible Institute class - Bessao, Chad



Inside the Bangui Brethren Church. There are 10 Brethren churches in the city.



A missionary to Zaire sent by the Brethren Church of Africa is pictured along with one of his first converts (right).

wrath is now spent, or whether world pressure has caused modifying approach, or whether the tactics are now to squeeze one area at a time, remains to be seen. At any rate, pastors insisted that their administration is not going to force them to renounce their faith, and the evidence we saw convinced us that the Christians were not, at the moment, afraid to identify with the Church. This could be temporary if the president decides to move in the same manner as he did in the north. Let us pray that he will not, and that the blood bath of believers may be now past.

During the pastors' conference at Bozoum, C.A.R., we participated in a mini-church growth seminar. Since the Church in Africa has a healthier numerical growth pattern than any of our other fields including the U.S., we have much to learn from them.

In the course of the pastors' business sessions we also had opportunity, along with our missionaries, to cement relationships between the Mission and the Church. Misunderstandings as to the role of the Mission and the work of the missionary were frankly dealt with, and the priorities of both Church and Mission agreed upon.

The African Church is initiating again the "Life In Christ" campaign and has set a goal of 75,000 members for 1975.

A highlight of our trip to the C.A.R. was the meeting with representatives of the African Foreign Missionary Society, coupled with the privilege (a few days later) of meeting the young African appointed by that Society to serve in a church planting ministry in Zaire. He told us that he has three congregations now meeting.

On our last Sunday in Africa Dr. Kenneth Ashman preached to over 1,800 people in the Castor Church, and I had the privilege, along with Missionary Don Hocking, to minister in the Bafio Church in another section of Bangui. There are now ten Brethren congregations scattered throughout the city. We also learned that in the Brethren Church in Africa there have been no church splits leading to the formation of a cult or a sect. That is a remarkable testimony. Truly God is doing wonderful things with His Church in Africa.

Does Argentina Still Need The Gospel In 1975?

(Foreign Missions editor's note: Rev. Solon Hoyt sent this article, explaining that much of the material was taken from a Buenos Aires newspaper. Photos are by Mr. Hoyt.)



In the province of Buenos Aires



Between Almaguer and Rio Tercero

Name just about any material you can think of. You'll find them all slowly decaying under the sun, left there by the faithful who pay tribute to Teodolinda Correa, la Difunta Correa; literally, "the deceased Correa." The tokens of gratitude left behind include boxing gloves, scores of bridal dresses, aircraft propellers, spare parts to build up several cars, as well as the cars themselves—all stacked in a kind of consecrated parking lot by Mrs. Correa's "sanctuary." This is a sort of supermarket of the faith, one of the most extraordinary pilgrimage spots in the world, only 60 kilometers from the city of San Juan, Argentina.

Maria Antonia Teodolinda Correa was just an ordinary woman of San Juan when she married Baudillo Bustos, a young man from the township of Caucete. In the highhanded tradition of the time, Bustos was shanghaied into serving in the *montoneros* (guerilla bands) irregulars. But Teodolinda, mother of a newly born child, could not stand the grief of parting with Baudillo. She set out on foot to follow the irregulars, hoping to be near to her husband.

Unable to withstand the baking heat of San Juan, Teodolinda died a few days after setting out. (Other accounts say that Indians attacked and took her husband, and she set out after him in the scorching sun.) When she was found by another para-military party, she was dead; but—this is why the legend has sprung up about her—her baby was supposedly still sucking milk from her breast. As always in these cases, it is hard to separate fact from fancy. But the Difunta Correa legend persisted. In time the place where she was allegedly discovered grew to be a pilgrimage spot, near the township of Vallecitos.

At first only the hardy and really troubled in spirit braved the scrubland to get to the pilgrimage site, but then the roads came and bit by bit more and more of the faithful began to flock to the spot. A chapel was built, with stone steps, and one building started sprouting up after another. The word got around that la Difunta "granted" requests made, but that one was supposed to "give" her something of value. So many things accumulated that buildings were erected to house them, but they have proved insufficient; many of the offerings lie exposed to the pitiless rays of the sun.

Gratefulness to Teodolinda Correa takes a number of unusual shapes. Many people who were able to buy a new car attributed their good fortune to Teodolinda and "gave" her the old one. Other people felt that they were able to build or buy themselves a house due to the good offices of Teodolinda. They couldn't "give" her their house but they built replicas and installed them on uprights near the main place of worship.

Some of the offerings are in cash which is later loaned by the provincial authorities to those who will solemnly vow to return it on a specified date (of course, with interest!). People give coins, bills, checks, and, incredible though it may seem, even IOU's. Some of them bear naive inscriptions like "for you, dear Teodolinda, who helped me to realize my dream." Some of the pilgrims climb the steps to the sanctuary on their knees. Others arrive with shaven heads. Still others drag themselves face down to the sanctuary.

But the consumer society is cashing in on Mrs. Correa. There are restaurants there now, a coach station, and a service station. Tours come and go from San Juan and elsewhere almost constantly (the weather is always good here; it seldom rains). Now la Difunta even has branches—in San Luis, Mendoza and Catamarca, as well as scores of small shrines all over the country.

There are other pilgrimage places in Argentina, of course. The various saints and regional patrons have their "days" almost every week. In Salta they celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Candelaria; in San Luis, Our Lady of Renca; in La Rioja, Our Lord of the Mountains; also in La Rioja, the Feast of the Resurrection—and so it goes on and on. Many people, including itinerant salesmen who are really in the know, say the biggest feast of all is Our Lady of Itati, in Corrientes.

Various townships have their own "Virgin," too. Usually the legend goes that the Virgin was being taken elsewhere in a carriage or cart, "but a wheel broke so we know that the Virgin wanted to stay here."

But few if any of them can compare to the unique phenomenon of Teodolinda Correa, where the offerings range from motor cars to the simplest and, perhaps, the most touching of all: bottles of water to soothe the eternal thirst of la Difunta Correa. ☸

Spiritual Depression

Two hundred fifty million people in Latin America! What a tremendous mission field that must be. I was to find out, for I had a ticket in hand to spend 27 exciting days with our missionaries in Argentina and Brazil. Had I stayed any longer I would no longer have qualified as an expert, and so could not have written this article!

"Spiritually depressing" are the only words that can be used to describe the religious atmosphere of Latin America. In spite of the years of missionary endeavor, 99 percent of the population still worship what the Apostle Paul in II Corinthians 11:4 describes as "another Jesus," "another spirit," and "another gospel." Churches dominate the centers of Argentine and Brazilian towns, but inside those churches one is shocked by representations of a dead Jesus—such as Jesus sagging from a cross, Jesus emaciated stretched out under an altar—and neglected by the worshipers except for an occasional crossing of themselves as they pass by. Along the roads, especially in Argentina, shrines abound to local saints (Difunta Correa, Namuncura, and so forth) who are worshiped with the lighting of candles and giving of gifts. These saints are *reachable*; they are the ones to whom the people look for help in time of need and sickness.

Since the transportation of over three million slaves to Brazil some three to four hundred years ago, African spiritism and Brazilian Roman Catholicism have so intermingled that many Brazilians find it impossible to separate the one from the other. On Saturday night worshipers crowd into the spiritist centers of Candomble (Umbanda) to consult the African spirit guides with the help of priest-

Impressions of a

South American traveler



By Dr. S. Wayne Beaver

esses (mediums). On Sunday morning the same people kneel to celebrate mass at the local Catholic church. On Saturday night the goddess Iemanjá is worshiped, while on Sunday morning she becomes the Virgin Mary. On Saturday night it is Orixás and on Sunday morning it is Jesus Christ.

Yet in the midst of this spiritual depression, among the remaining one percent of the population in Latin America, the gospel light is bravely shining. Brethren missionaries and pastors in Argentina are severely overworked, frustrated by the enormity of the task before them, and depressed at the lack of prayer support from the Brethren in the States. Some are pastoring two, three and even four congregations. Nevertheless these small but faithful groups scattered throughout the countryside continue as solid Brethren congregations. As the Spirit has now begun to move among them, Argentine pastors have covenanted to pray each morning at 7:30 (1) for each other, (2) for cleansing from sin, and (3) for more workers. They are asking God to give them a burden for prayer, the ability to train other people for the work of the ministry of evangelism, and a burden for the lost and dying religious people around them. As a small cloud, there are signs of a spiritual arousing in Argentina. Under the able leadership of Pastor Juan Colle,

Spiritual Exuberance

and the assistance of Missionary Solon Hoyt as he moves among the churches teaching the Word, offering encouragement, training in evangelism and other areas, a new day is dawning for Argentina. Missionary candidates are now completing their training, and will soon be on the field. Under the direction of Peter Peer, a TIME team will be on the field this summer training Argentine young people in personal evangelism. God is working!

Under the leadership of their pastors, Brazilian Christians are now going to their knees in prayer, beseeching God for an outpouring of His Spirit upon their land. In their movement called *Avante Com Cristo*, the Brethren Church in Brazil is ready to advance with Christ. Months of preparation by Missionaries Ralph Schwartz and Duke Wallace preceded the official launching of the movement at the annual conference at Icoaraci, January 17-19. How thrilling it was to share in that conference—in the preaching of the Word, the many musical numbers from the various church groups, and the packed-out church building. All of this contributed to the feeling that God is about to bless these saints as they move forward in faith. The TIME team chosen to serve on this field this summer should have much to report on upon their return!

Did we say "spiritual depression"? Yes, if one looks to the dead religious systems that have dominated Latin America for years. Yet spiritual exuberance might well be the term we'll use to describe the moving of the Spirit in the lands to the south of us. Now let us be faithful in our part and faithfully support our Latin American Brethren as they move forward for Christ.

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Evangelical seminary for Francophone Africa. Bangui has been selected as the site for this evangelical seminary. President Bokassa has donated seven acres of choice land to the project. This is to be a graduate-level seminary, and thousands of dollars are needed for buildings and housing.

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Africa

The Chateau Walls Speak



By David Shargel

Tower: Don't just stand down there admiring me; come on up. You'll find your way through the inside of the Chateau attic. Watch your step on the ladder.

Visitor: I was admiring your battlements. Seen from the ground, they look ancient. But up here I can see how recently the mason has been at work.

Tower: How kind of you to mention it. Yes, after centuries of looking rather plain, I welcomed the face-lifting. I am easily visible from the main highway. Before my renovation I was so embarrassed as tourists would drive by on their way to visit other, more famous chateaus.

Visitor: Are there many castles in the Burgundy?

Tower: Oh, yes! Several dozen, all very noble and some quite good looking. The best time to visit us is in the summer, when the sound-and-light performances light up the hillsides like torches.

Visitor: I can't see any from up here.

Tower: You could if you had my eyes. My brothers, the chateaus, are located in or near the numerous cities in the interior of the department, like le Creusot, Montceau-les-Mines, Paray-le-Monial . . .

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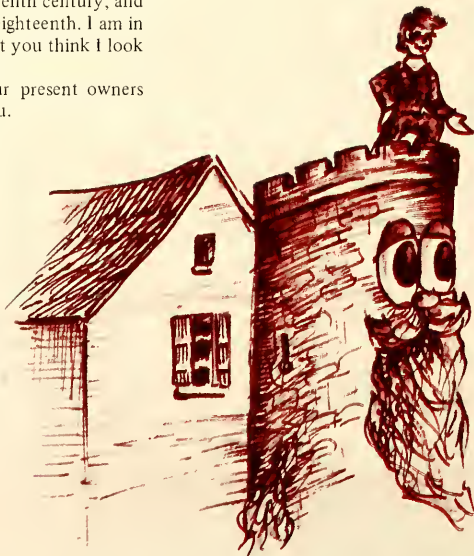
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What attitude do we have when we come before the Lord? Is it out of duty because we know we should, or do we come to worship—to show Him our love?

Oftentimes, we come before the Lord with a real burden on our hearts. There is a need or a situation in which we are truly seeking an answer from the Lord. The Lord tells us to bring our burdens to Him. "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you" (I Peter 5:7).

But what about the other times? I have heard it said, "I quit reading my Bible because I just don't get anything out of it." Or, "I've got this to do and that to do and I just don't find the time and by the time I go to bed, I'm too tired." Were you ever too busy or too tired to talk with that special fellow who called you on the phone?

Why do you cook a good supper for your husband, wash his clothes, stop what you are doing to do something he has just asked you to do? Because you love him. What do you get out of it? Love in return. But did you think about

O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the deep places of earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

Psalm 95:1-6

receiving that love while you were working?

Why did you read that story to your son or daughter for the hundredth time? Because you would get something out of the story? No!! By now you could read it upside down and backwards. You read the story once again because of your love—giving, not receiving.

Let's go back to devotions now. Do we read and pray out of a desire to get something out of it or to express our love to God?

Who is God and what is He? He is the Almighty Creator, the Faithful God, the Holy One who loves you and me. "The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were

more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: *But because the Lord loved you . . .*" (Deut. 7:7-8).

When we pray and read God's love letter, the Bible, we are on holy ground. We come before a holy righteous God who desires our fellowship.

Have you ever thought of reading your Bible as a time of fellowship with God? "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ" (I John 1:3). Friends that we really enjoy being with are the ones who can put self in the background and can show honest interest in others. As you read God's Word, try forgetting self and experience the thrill of realizing how great God is—omnipotent, omnipresent, and omniscient—and yet He loves you and me!

Let us think of devotions as a *time of worship*, of expressing our love to Him. Let the Lord take care of the "getting something out of it." His desire is to shower His love upon us.

This is *not* to suggest that since we need not worry about getting something out of it, that we can have our devotions carelessly. We all can recognize a person who is listening to us with one ear, but whose real attention is somewhere else. This is not real fellowship; not a real expression of love. In the Gospel of Luke we are admonished to love the Lord our God with *all our heart, with all our soul and with all our mind*. ☛

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Why is it no one can ever explain
The joy we as Christians can claim?
When others look at our lives can they see
The joy and the love flow abundantly free?
Though trials will surely come our way
Do they see us trusting our Saviour each day?

How will they see the joy we profess,
Through our tears and our moanings at some small test?
Will they hear the Saviour calling to them,
Or does our complaining cause His voice to grow dim?

When our eyes are drawn by worry and fear,
Will they really believe our Jesus is near?
When people hear of quarrelings within,
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There're certainly times when our troubles abound,
When tears may flow and life gets us down.
But I know no one who would truly declare
That the burdens he has could ever compare
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He Made It

It was God who instituted the family and He does not desert it when there are problems. This is an area where we need His help every day, perhaps because our family problems can be the most painful and devastating of all problems. Situations arise which produce deep wounds and sometimes we wonder why our trials are so extremely vexing and long-enduring.

But to blame God for our problems and withdraw from His presence is a sure road to defeat and brings victory to Satan. God's blessing is reflected in our lives when, through the Lord, we deal with our family problems in love and with patience and wisdom.

Our first need, of course, is Jesus. Like the woman at the well, without Him, we have an empty heart and no Christian basis to function as a wife and mother. Just knowing Him as our Saviour is not enough; we must keep close contact with Him through prayer and an outgoing Christian life. The closer our contact with the Lord, the more we are able to draw upon His strength and wisdom.

The Word of God will direct and encourage us as we learn to rest upon its promises. The Holy Spirit, dwelling within us, comforts and guides us during troubled times.

It is not always easy to love (in the right way) those with whom we live. When we read I Corinthians 13, we begin to understand that love, real love, is rather scarce in this old world. For Paul says, "It is greater than faith . . . it is willing to suffer and is kind . . . is not easily provoked . . . it endures all things . . . it is unfaithful . . . it is unselfish." Although God is always working with us in our problems, He works best when there is love, because love is an expression of himself.

When I was younger, I used to feel hurt if I thought someone didn't love



- He Keeps It!

means taking a long look at a family problem. We can often see God working in and through a situation. Is the purpose of these problems to show us our dependency upon God? Are we learning to speak more graciously? Is it all happening to give us determination to follow Him at all costs? Are we getting to be like Jesus because of a certain problem? It seems to take a great deal of sandpaper to polish us to a Christlike finish.

We need wisdom from God to be good reflectors of His blessings. James 3:17 tells us, "But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." Wisdom is nurtured when we deal with our problems in love and with patience.

Here is an area where our Lord specifically gives a promise to answer if we ask Him. When Solomon asked the Lord for an understanding heart, God was pleased and Solomon received a "wise and understanding heart." Solomon recognized that wisdom is from above and is one of God's great gifts. Realizing how much we need wisdom in our family circles, are we asking the Lord to give us the gift of an understanding heart?

A young boy was trying to move a big rock. He pushed and grunted and perspired. As he tried and his efforts failed, he remarked to his father who was standing near, "Dad, I've tried everything but I can't budge it."

His father answered, "Son, you have not tried everything because you have not asked me for my help."

It is my privilege to know many wonderful Christian men and women who face hard problems with great courage. Always it is apparent that the Lord is being trusted with a childlike faith. He has promised—just ask. ☞

"Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still" (Ps. 107:28-29).

By Mrs. Bernard Schneider

Mary Schneider is the wife of Dr. Bernard Schneider, pastor of the Grace Brethren Bible Church in Fort Myers, Florida. They have one daughter and two grandchildren.

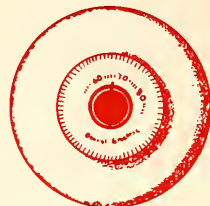
me. One day, through a problem, the Lord showed me that it was more important to love others deeply and forget their feelings toward me. Whether a love relationship is between husband and wife, parents and children, or with our in-laws, circumstances surrounding it will change as life goes on. If our own love is constant and not like a flickering light, the Lord is able to help us and use us for His glory.

Patience is a great seasoning to add to our family problems. Impatience is a fault that most of us have. God doesn't seem to be in a hurry, but we are! Paul tells us to "follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, *patience*, meekness" (I Tim. 6:11). Sometimes this

MEMO

Many blessings
I have found in this—
Now knowing another girl
In a special way, thru Christ.
Mentioning prayers for her
And some gifts of loving remembrance
Xactly the pause that refreshes
In a busy life.

Thank you, Lord, for this opportunity.



WMC Offering Emphasis

Remember how cool it was a few months ago when we "dialed down" the thermostat? Imagine how cool it would be if there was no thermostat to dial. Your generous offering is needed to make the central heating for the Chateau in France a reality. This offering is due June 10.

note...

Adaptability—that's what the program packet is for. If your group needs to rearrange a suggested program, do it! Make it work for your WMC—not against it.

MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS — JULY 1975

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THE SWITCHBOARD

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director; James Long, assistant to the director.

The National Youth Week Scrapbook contest was judged recently and the Grace Brethren Church in Waterloo, Iowa, was declared first place winner. Mr. Terry Lambert serves as youth pastor of the church. A prize of \$25 was awarded to the youth for an excellent representation of their Youth Week.

Bellflower Brethren Church in California was awarded second prize in the contest. The youth of the church also had an excellent scrapbook to demonstrate the value of their church's special emphasis on youth. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Percy are sponsors for the youth. A prize of \$10 was given as the second place award.

Participation in Youth Week across the Fellowship during February was very good. A number of excellent scrapbooks were entered in the national contest.

Spokesmen Leaders Chosen

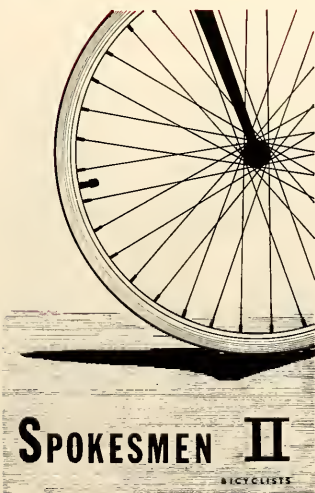
Charles Sanger and Bill Crabbs have been chosen to lead the Spokesmen for the summer of 1975. Spokesmen II is the name given the bicycle tour planned for July 18–August 2 for boys 14 and older.

Both Charles and Bill are well qualified to lead the large number of boys who will be involved in the 1,000-mile trip around Lake Michigan. Being outdoorsmen, having had years of experience in boys work and having a heart for boys certainly well qualifies both Charlie and Bill.

Charlie has grown up in the Christian Service Brigade program and has led boys groups. He has directed wilderness camps and has led several backpack trips. Most recently he has served on the field staff of the headquarters of Christian Service Brigade. He is a middler in Grace Seminary at the present time. He and his wife, Mary, have one son, Wesley, age 2.

Bill is from the Worthington, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church. He attended Ohio State University and Grace College. He has also had three years of military experience with the U.S. Army. He has had over three years of experience as a leader in Christian Service Brigade. While Bill is in his third year at Grace Seminary, he continues to have an active interest in boys ministries. He and his wife, Adele, have two girls, Sherri—age 7, and Michelle—age 5.

The Spokesmen tour not only includes two weeks of the bicycle tour but one week at Brethren National Youth Conference. The entire three weeks tour and conference costs \$150. If any boys are interested in more information about this new summer program, write Spokesmen II, Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.



TIME EXPOSURE

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Training In Missionary Endeavor is a program to allow teens to become actively involved in home and foreign "missionary" experience.

Below are a few of the many who will be serving with TIME this summer. Support them with your prayers and gifts.

Christian Education Department

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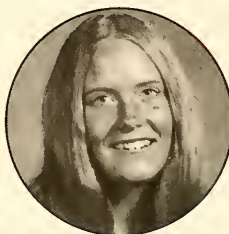


France Team: (l. to r.) Becky Burns, Robert Melcher, Karen Walker, Debra Smith, Kent Good (Leader), and Becky Good.

Gary Belles, among the four going to the Navajo Mission.



Greg Stamm is going to Alaska.



Leann Sanders is joining others going to the Mexican Border.

Karen Mason is going to Clayhole, Kentucky.



Dave Stroup is among the team members going to Dryhill, Kentucky.



Argentina Team: (l. to r.) Peg Bechtel, Mike Marshall, Viki Cover, Peter Peer (Leader), Larry Robbins and Colleen Austin.

NEWS AND VIEWS



The Grace Brethren Church of St. Petersburg, Florida, celebrated our Third Bus Anniversary on February 2 with "TOP IT ALL SUNDAY." We had with us Mr. Jim Schreiber, "the uncrowned king of Top Spinners." He performed four times and the whole church really appreciated how his tops illustrated Christian principles of living.

We wanted each one to remember this great day in the history of our church, so we ordered some minitops that were imprinted with: "Three Years of Busing" with the church's name and address. Since we had to order 500 or none at all, our goal was 500. The most we ever had in Sunday School before was 365, and that was one week after Easter with the Double Decker Bus. We fell short of our goal, but we certainly "topped" all other previous Sundays. We has 436 in Sunday School and 460 in church.

The picture is the No. 1 and No. 2 bus loads on Top Sunday. They brought 71 and 63, respectively. We regret that it was virtually impossible to get a picture of the whole group. The five buses broke a new bus record of 274. The previous bus record was 245 set last year with the Double Decker Bus. There were many decisions for Christ and a new air of excitement to realize that we finally broke the 400 mark in Sunday School.

Bus Director, Pastor Sam Baer, attributes the success of their growth to prayer, five committed bus pastors who visit their routes every Saturday, 25 bus workers, Sunday School teachers who are willing to teach a large class, and a church that supports the bus ministry with their prayers and giving.



Raising money for teens to attend Brethren National Youth Conference?

Pastor Kenneth Koontz from the Pike Brethren Church in Mundy's Corner (Conemaugh), Pennsylvania, reports his church is paying teens to work for them.

Teens work all day at the church each Saturday. Those teens who are interested have been divided into five teams. One dollar per hour credit is given to each teen for his work. The idea is- "It's not the amount you do, but the quality of work you do." The teens are even paid during lunch time when they eat their sack lunches.

Pastor Koontz reports that this has been quite successful in many ways:

- (1) the teens serve as janitors, (2) adults appreciate the teens more, (3) the teens have a ministry, (4) they're able to earn money for conference, as opposed to being given money, and (5) teens have developed a sense of pride in their accomplishments.

After the teens spent the day waxing furniture, painting, and cleaning gum from under the pews, one teen said, "I better not see anyone put gum under these pews again!" Another said, "I'm going to watch to see that no person leans his chair against this wall"—she had just painted that wall!

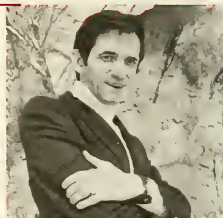
In the spring, work projects will include yard work, planting flowers, trimming shrubs and mowing grass.

Brethren National YOUTH CONFERENCE '75



Jim Custer, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, Worthington, Ohio, will be the featured speaker each evening. He not only has a love for the Lord but is a warm yet dynamic communicator.

Sonny Thayer is pastor of the Mansfield, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church. He will share Biblical solutions to questions sought by teens. He's had an excellent ministry to youth. His concern for effective communication of Biblical truth will be evident each day.



PhD Program

John Terrell and his wife, Joanne, will head up the PhD program for the conference. The Post-high Division is a new program to allow for special programming for college-career age students. The Terrells are pastoring the First Brethren Church in Sunnyside, Washington.



The campus of St. Mary's College in Notre Dame (South Bend), Indiana, has been rented to house the almost 1,000 persons expected to attend.

Costs:

for those living on St. Mary's campus:

\$80.00 regular conference fee

(if you register before July 1)

\$80.00 Post-high Division

(if you register before July 1)

(This includes room, board, insurance, campus fees, program)

for those registering late:

an additional charge of \$5.00 will be added to the cost

for those living off campus:

off campus residents attending the sessions and activities will be asked to pay a daily registration fee of \$3.00 (not including meals)

for Vocational Christian Ministries Seminar

\$8.00 for those not members of

Brethren Student Life Volunteers

\$4.00 for members of Brethren Student Life Volunteers

for Grace College High School Day free

for bus from Grace College to St.

Mary's College
\$3.00

Vocational Christian Ministries Seminar

A seminar in Vocational Christian Ministries will be held at the Grace campus from 10:00 a.m., Friday, August 1, through 9:00 a.m., Saturday, August 2. It's open to all but planned especially for those in Brethren Student Life Volunteers. This will involve excellent opportunities to meet missionaries and pastors and be challenged for vocational Christian work.

Grace College Tour and Program

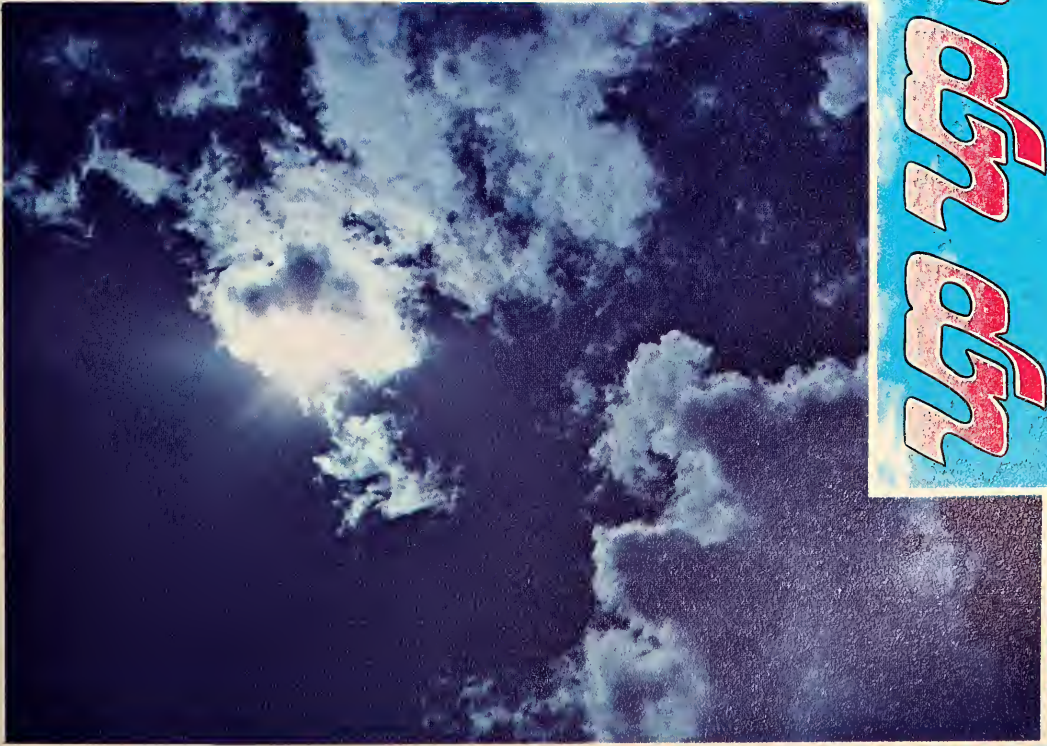
A Grace College tour and program is planned for Saturday morning, August 2, to allow students the opportunity to see our college. This program allows students ample time to arrive at N.Y.C. in time for registration.

1975 BRETHREN NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

August 2-9, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana

We shall be caught up together
in the clouds!

Up and away





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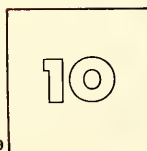
MYTHS THAT CAN HANDICAP YOUR COLLEGE CHOICE

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Cover Photo: Choosing a college is a difficult and important decision, as the article on page 20 points out. Pam Green, of Toppenish, Washington, is among those who have found Grace College to be part of the Lord's plan for her life. Pam is a junior this year, majoring in art. (Photo by John Burtoft)

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Dear Editor

I would like to write you something that has been on my heart for some time. It seems to me that if anything could be done it should be organized through the Herald Company. Through the monthly prayer letters and the *Daily Devotions* we have a wonderful way of bringing our denominational organizations before our Fellowship for prayer. But we are neglecting our established churches and pastors in denominational prayer. For example, a pastor takes a home-mission church and immediately gets on the prayer list. He is able to lead his church to the place where the Council does not need to continue to support the work and becomes the pastor of an established church. Immediately he is taken off the prayer list. In many cases he needs prayer especially since he is on his own. Having been a home-missions pastor I know something of the struggle in making church ends meet when the Council money stops. Then there are many of our pastors who are serving faithfully in very small churches who have plenty of problems, but there is no mention of them for prayer. Also, I think of men who are working in some of our older churches, churches that in earlier days were leading ones in the denomination and now have come upon hard times. These men are faithfully serving, but we do not pray for them.

Some weeks ago I added the Directory of Brethren Churches to my prayer list, taking a column or two each day. This includes both established churches and churches under the Council. I plan to divide the list so that we can pray through the directory once each month. Maybe this is making the matter of denominational praying too large, but one has to think also of those in the Directory of Brethren Ministers who need a church. To pray for the above has been a great blessing to me and has enlarged my burden for many of the pastors who are going through difficult times.

You need not answer this letter. There may not be any chance of working out a workable plan. But if the Lord would give you a plan this letter will not be in vain. —Florida



Old Testament Plumbers Visit Kentucky

By Charles W. Turner
Editor

A recent business trip found me headed for the Southland. It was the last part of March, and the lingering hint of winter was still in the Indiana air. So it seemed like a good time to drive south. The first night on the road brought me to Elizabethtown, Kentucky. This was a familiar stop for me on the southern route. It had been a wet, nasty day of driving, and I was looking forward to some relaxation from the strain. The thoughts of getting cleaned up and having a good meal kept me on the road an extra hour beyond the normal driving schedule.

So when I got to the motel it was with great relief and delight. One of my first thoughts was that of thirst. But when I turned on the right-hand faucet for the cold water . . . I got a surprise. The water was hot—the plumber had made a mistake! He put the lines to the wrong faucets. Now any intelligent person would have taken note of this and would have avoided a real surprise later. But not me. I proceeded to care for my other duties of the evening and forgot what I had learned.

Later that evening it happened! The same plumber had installed the lines to the shower. My memory being short . . . you guessed it. When I thought I was stepping into a nice warm shower I walked into an icebox of freezing water. Have you ever tried to crawl the walls of a slick shower stall? If so, you know how I felt about the whole

thing.

So you ask—What about your subject, “Old Testament Plumbers”? Well, Isaiah and several other Old Testament prophets mention those who do not know their right hand from the left. This was the problem of those Kentucky plumbers! Though I must admit I have found plumbers in other states who have the same basic problem in the installation of hot and cold water lines.

There are several reasons for one not knowing his right hand from the left. One is youth—being too young to be that smart. This can be excused. Another reason might well be the lack of knowledge. The harsh term for this condition is called ignorance.

When it comes to the absence of the knowledge of God there are several reasons for a person to be without such truth. One is the age problem of being too young. A child may not be able to grasp such actuality. It is amazing though how early in life some children come to salvation in Jesus Christ. Even Christ spoke of the act of faith, as an act of a small child. Remember, we must all become as a little child before we can be saved.

Spiritually speaking others do not know their right hand from their left hand because of a lack of information. This could include the multitudes in the world where the Gospel of Jesus Christ has not been preached. We tend to think of these places as backward—remote corners of the world. These places become fewer as the message reaches out farther and farther. Civil-

ization and worldwide communications have shrunk our world and opened up these remote places for the cause of Christ. The secular world has enlarged the scope of its representatives in order to sell its products. The church has been zealous, as well, to preach Jesus.

But the shock comes to us all as we realize the vast number of people who are our neighbors, yet they do not know their right hand from their left—that is, spiritually. Some are even church attenders who are as ignorant of the grace of God as are the so-called heathen. Millions of Americans, as well as others belonging to advanced civilizations, are as woefully ignorant of God as are the uncivilized people of the world. Perhaps this ignorance is in part a willful act of disobedience. The truth is not far from them, but sin keeps them in darkness. This darkness ultimately will end in eternal outer darkness.

When a plumber has trouble knowing his right hand from his left, the results are little more than a shocking inconvenience. In fact, an alert person can adjust to knowing what to do in such a circumstance. But spiritually—ignorance concerning God is something else. The result is not merely inconvenience, but rather ultimate disaster and complete loss of life and soul. God has commissioned us to tell the story of His love and grace. To fail can mean another soul slipping into eternal hell. To faithfully succeed in telling of God's love can mean the eternal salvation of a soul.

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II Timothy 3:16

By Pastor Robert Spicer

Among the notes of praise, here and there a phrase was heard, "You know, I never thought this would really happen." Why would people say this at the groundbreaking service for the Grace Brethren Church of Mt. Laurel, New Jersey? Let me explain.

It is really thrilling when a young man leaves seminary, goes to a new Home Missions point, and experiences tremendous growth quickly. But it does not always work that way. I know from experience.

When I completed seminary I corresponded with Dr. Pifer about a possible Home Missions pastorate, and soon I accepted a church in the East. My wife, Kathryn (then carrying our first child), and I started out for New Jersey in our '56 Oldsmobile pulling our possessions in a U-Haul. I had noticed in the *Brethren Annual* that the membership was listed as 5, but I also noticed that my copy of the *Annual* was a couple of years old, so I assumed that in those years the church had probably grown to the 20s or 30s. However, when we arrived, the membership was still 5, and there were 3 core families.

Time passed by and, hard as it was for me to understand, the people of South Jersey very effec-



tively managed to avoid my ministry. During that first year I preached the finest sermons for which my training had equipped me, knocked on doors, and led a number of people to Christ. But not one of them came to church. Not only did they not make their decisions public, but they did not even darken our doors! About 15 young people began to attend, but their parents would not follow.

During this time, the men on our district mission board frequently discussed whether it was time to withdraw their support from a seemingly unproductive point. The time finally came when even the Home Missions Council began to seriously consider withdrawing its support.

Soon, the suggestion was made that I candidate at other churches.

So I did. However, the firm determination of those few people in South Jersey brought a lack of peace to my heart about leaving. They had the faith to believe that God would yet build a church in this area.

The Brethren Home Missions Council encouraged us to try a different location. We decided upon the Mt. Laurel area, but there were no temporary meeting places available to us. Fire halls, schools, country clubs, motels, the community hall, commercial buildings and even a dance hall were contacted, but none would accommodate us. Yet we felt the Lord leading toward Mt. Laurel because there were no Bible-teaching churches in that part of the township, and because we had located a fine parcel of ground situated between two large developments.

the Excellency of HIS Power

Moving just across the border into Cherry Hill Township, we began to meet in a school building. However, the rent payment seemed insurmountable to us at first. We had been paying \$100 for three months' use of the Stratford Fire Hall for all day Sunday. Now, we would have to pay more than \$100 for the use of the school for only one month—and then just for Sunday morning use. Although we did not have the money for that first rent payment, God brought in enough in our first offering to pay for the whole month's rent. "Now," I thought, "our trials are finally over,"—but such was not the case!

For two years we labored before securing the subdivision approval from the township for our land. We have been faced with the most stringent requirements experienced by the Home Missions Council any place, I am told. For instance, we were required to reserve a 50-foot buffer strip around the perimeter of our property which must include a solid wall of trees to screen us from view by the houses on either side or in back. Month after month for two years we felt that the property closing date was "just around the corner," and time after time we were put off.

Another disappointment was the lack of immediate response. After calling on a family that had heard of our church and having had them visit us, I called on them again.

Their response was, "Young man, you may believe that God can build a church here, starting with that handful of people meeting in a big empty room, but we just don't have the faith to believe it. We will have to go elsewhere." I was so disappointed that I prayed, "Lord, don't let me cry until I get out to the car." Believe me, I certainly did cry that day. That same year we passed out 500 fliers and a number of

balloons advertising our V.B.S. As a result, *only two* new little girls came out. I began to feel like David did in I Samuel 27:1, "I shall now perish one day . . ."

But, I have discovered in the last three years that "we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" (II Cor. 4:7). In spite of the multitude of postponements and discouragements we have seen a group of sometimes as few as 5-9 grow through the 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s, to the 70s and 80s for our morning worship service. Humanly speaking, there is no explanation, but God is faithful—Jesus is building *His* Church.

On January 15, 1975, after two and one-half years of waiting, we had closing on our property. Then, on March 16, 1975, over 100 people gathered for our morning worship service and fellowship dinner followed by a groundbreaking service. Rev. Robert Griffith, pastor of the Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, was our guest speaker.

Many times it did appear that it would never happen, but it did! We will undoubtedly continue to face obstacles, but the Lord willing, we will have a completed structure early this fall. How we praise God for *the excellency of His power!* ☉



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Cumberland, Md.	1,526.32
Grafton, W. Va.	2,229.95
Jenners, Pa.	1,446.38
Listie, Pa.	2,681.87
Meyersdale, Pa.	1,050.50
Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills)	1,417.70
Parkersburg, W. Va.	1,351.40
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1,083.35
Somerset, Pa.	200.00
Stoytown, Pa.	364.00
Uniontown, Pa.	2,586.48
Washington, Pa.	954.48
Westernport, Md.	109.00
District	75.00
Total	\$ 18,698.49

EAST

Altoona, Pa. (First)	\$ 1,987.10
Altoona, Pa. (Grace)	811.00
Armagh, Pa.	36.00
Conemaugh, Pa.	4,887.13
Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)	4,039.33
Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	2,791.26
Duncansville, Pa.	1,456.00
Everett, Pa.	1,621.05
Holidaysburg, Pa.	760.33
Hopewell, Pa.	301.83
Indiana, Pa.	574.35
Jefferson Center, Pa.	5.00
Johnstown, Pa. (First)	6,612.35
Johnstown, Pa. (Geistown)	689.71
Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	1,187.70
Kittanning, Pa. (First)	6,315.70
Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)	624.66
Martinsburg, Pa.	7,702.49
District	630.00
Total	\$ 43,032.99

FLORIDA

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	\$ 5,094.58
St. Myers, Fla.	910.50
Maitland, Fla.	3,315.90
N. Lauderdale, Fla.	483.02
Orlando, Fla.	375.31
Ormond Beach, Fla.	35.00
Pompano Beach, Fla.	1,970.85
St. Petersburg, Fla.	637.28
West Palm Beach, Fla.	313.00
District	981.00
Total	\$ 14,116.44

INDIANA

Berne, Ind.	\$ 7,696.71
Clay City, Ind.	922.00
Elkhart, Ind.	5,917.73
Flora, Ind.	1,841.50
Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)	7,899.84
Fort Wayne, Ind. (Grace)	1,099.58
Goshen, Ind.	483.21
Indianapolis, Ind.	1,165.65
Kokomo, Ind. (Indian Heights)	1,299.25
Kokomo, Ind. (North Kokomo)	173.36
Laesburg, Ind.	2,483.41
Logansport, Ind.	255.46
Osceola, Ind.	2,105.21
Peru, Ind.	2,299.50
Sidney, Ind.	2,189.30
South Bend, Ind.	1,324.06
Warsaw, Ind.	3,838.83
Wheaton, Ill.	10.00
Winona Lake, Ind.	10,621.93
District	988.68
Total	\$ 54,615.21

IOWA

Cedar Rapids, Iowa	\$ 375.99
Dallas Center, Iowa	631.65
Davenport, Iowa	465.07
Des Moines, Iowa	82.00
Garwin, Iowa	832.12
Leon, Iowa	2,375.50
North English, Iowa	228.71
Omaha, Nebr.	62.00
Waterloo, Iowa	7,438.44
Winona, Minn.	25.00
District	385.00
Total	\$ 12,901.48

MICHIGAN

Alto, Mich.	\$ 1,549.92
Berrien Springs, Mich.	138.50
Hastings, Mich.	-0-
Jackson, Mich.	545.28
Lake Odessa, Mich.	2,138.54
Lansing, Mich.	446.50
New Troy, Mich.	288.80
Ozark, Mich.	272.00
District	51.00
Total	\$ 5,430.54

MID-ATLANTIC

Alexandria, Va.	\$ 1,595.06
Hagerstown, Md. (Calvary).	1,371.37
Hagerstown, Md. (Gay St.).	119.11
Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)	13,955.12
Lanham, Md.	2,413.86
Martinsburg, W. Va.	2,018.04
Seven Fountains, Va.	104.00
Virginia Beach, Va.	333.00

Washington, D.C.	2,260.00
Waynesboro, Pa.	2,905.34
Winchester, Va.	9,443.92
District	1,249.97
Total	\$ 37,768.79

MIDWEST

Albuquerque, N. Mex. (Grace)	\$ -0-
Albuquerque, N. Mex. (Heights)	817.50
Arvada, Colo.	149.00
Beaver City, Nebr.	246.35
Cheyenne, Wyo.	50.00
Colorado Springs, Colo.	356.39
Counselor, N. Mex.	840.00
Denver, Colo.	677.97
Longview, Texas	283.00
Portis, Kans.	3,775.92
Taos, N. Mex.	1,844.81
Tres Piedras	25.00
District	1,952.69
Total	\$ 11,018.63

NORTHERN ATLANTIC

Bethlehem, Pa.	\$ 252.10
Dillsburg, Pa.	831.60
Elizabethtown, Pa.	2,318.35
Harrisburg, Pa.	5,221.40
Hatboro, Pa.	1,972.50
Lancaster, Pa.	6,195.21
Lititz, Pa.	1,191.28
Manheim, Pa.	1,496.10
Mt. Laurel, N. J.	352.50
Myerstown, Pa.	9,105.54
New Holland, Pa.	5,594.00
Palmyra, Pa.	3,330.12
Philadelphia, Pa. (First)	11,345.58
Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)	4,625.80
Telford, Pa.	2,017.00
Wrightsville, Pa.	1,059.75
York, Pa.	3,428.14
District	114.40
Total	\$ 60,451.37

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Chico, Calif.	\$ 662.00
Grass Valley, Calif.	508.01
Modesto, Calif. (Greenwood)	1,411.50
Modesto, Calif. (La Loma).	3,086.00
Ripon, Calif.	650.00
Sacramento, Calif.	828.33
San Jose, Calif.	780.86
Tracy, Calif.	30.00
District	687.50
Total	\$ 8,644.20

NORTHCENTRAL OHIO

Ankenytown, Ohio	\$ 4,342.92
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Ashtand, Ohio (Grace)	5,817.77
Ashtand, Ohio (Southview)	991.95
Bowling Green, Ohio	43.27
Columbus, Ohio (Grace)	5,035.86
Columbus, Ohio (East Side)	166.50
Danville, Ohio	1,209.00
Findlay, Ohio	1,273.05
Fremont, Ohio (Chapel)	420.89
Fremont, Ohio (Grace)	4,826.07
Galion, Ohio	729.00
Johnstown, Ohio	153.25
Lexington, Ohio	997.92
Mansfield, Ohio (Grace)	2,860.93
Mansfield, Ohio (Woodville)	1,879.04
District	-0-
Total	\$ 30,747.42

NORTHEASTERN OHIO

Akron, Ohio (Fairlawn)	\$ 78.00
Akron, Ohio (First)	2,885.96
Barberton, Ohio	926.42
Canton, Ohio	7,200.49
Cleveland, Ohio	633.32
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio	675.50
Elyria, Ohio	631.77
Homerville, Ohio	6,296.27
Middlebranch, Ohio	695.00
Minerva, Ohio	611.00
Rittman, Ohio	4,109.77
Sterling, Ohio	1,151.60
Wooster, Ohio	6,876.65
District	1,132.00
Total	\$ 33,903.75

NORTHWEST

Albany, Oreg.	\$ 60.00
Beaverton, Oreg.	669.74
Grandview, Wash.	726.02
Gresham, Oreg.	359.80
Harrah, Wash.	427.40
Kenai, Alaska	634.59
Kent, Wash.	1,133.38
Mabton, Wash.	389.16
Opportunity, Wash.	220.51
Prosser, Wash.	9.50
Richland, Wash.	30.00
Sunnyside, Wash.	13,143.21
Toppenish, Wash.	918.60
Yakima, Wash.	1,412.34
District	627.00
Total	\$ 20,761.25

SOUTHEAST

Anderson, S. C.	\$ 156.00
Atlanta, Ga.	922.04
Bonnes Mill, Va.	100.00
Buena Vista, Va.	1,569.42
Covington, Va.	1,444.05
Hollins, Va.	8,394.64
Johnson City, Tenn.	604.90
Radford, Va.	509.26
Richmond, Va.	294.25
Riner, Va.	25.00
Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)	462.33
Roanoke, Va. (Garden City)	500.00
Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)	5,306.45
Roanoke, Va. (Wash. Heights)	683.55
Telford, Tenn. (Limestone)	957.20
Willis, Va.	80.00
District	323.00
Total	\$ 22,332.09

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-

ARIZONA

Anaheim, Calif.	\$ 999.00
Beaumont, Calif.	2,859.06
Bell, Calif.	467.60
Bellflower, Calif.	3,830.50
Cypress, Calif.	781.83
Fillmore, Calif.	1,154.00
Glendale, Calif.	243.87
Goleta, Calif.	265.75
Grand Terrace, Calif.	40.00
Hemet, Calif.	241.55
La Habra, Calif.	95.01
La Verne, Calif.	814.08
Lakewood, Calif.	89.00
Long Beach, Calif. (Community)	1,149.86
Long Beach, Calif. (First)	22,901.82
Long Beach, Calif. (Los Altos)	2,527.54
Long Beach, Calif. (North)	24,660.18
Los Angeles, Calif.	772.50
Mission Viejo, Calif.	50.00
Montclair, Calif.	434.50
Norwalk, Calif.	2,246.44
Orange, Calif.	279.87
Phoenix, Ariz. (Grace)	1,676.50

Phoenix, Ariz. (Northwest)	295.47
Rialto, Calif.	732.00
Rowland Heights, Calif.	506.23
San Bernardino, Calif.	2,320.08
San Diego, Calif.	499.50
San Ysidro, Calif.	-0-
Santa Maria, Calif.	711.45
Seal Beach, Calif.	1,511.50
Simi, Calif.	587.85
South Pasadena, Calif.	497.87
Temple City, Calif.	348.50
Tucson, Ariz.	410.00
West Covina, Calif.	30.00
Westminster, Calif.	1,023.99
Whittier, Calif. (Community)	7,233.53
Whittier, Calif. (First)	3,326.38
District	1,744.56
Total	\$ 90,359.37

SOUTHERN OHIO

Brookville, Ohio	\$ 1,835.00
Camden, Ohio	48.33
Clayhole, Ky.	148.00
Clayton, Ohio	619.80
Covington, Ohio	346.36
Dayton, Ohio (Basore Road)	839.50
Dayton, Ohio (First)	12,358.29
Dayton, Ohio (Huber Heights)	606.27
Dayton, Ohio (North Riverdale)	3,385.98
Dayton, Ohio (Patterson Park)	1,065.00
Dryhill, Ky.	114.00
Englewood, Ohio	3,148.19
Kettering, Ohio	922.43
Sinking Springs, Ohio	10.00
Troywood, Ohio	864.58
Troy, Ohio	72.11
Vandalia, Ohio	1,275.90
Union, Ohio	206.15
West Alexandria, Ohio	-0-
District	1,276.75
Total	\$ 29,142.64

OTHER GIFTS

Hawaii	\$ 288.47
Puerto Rico	13.00
National WMC	16,822.58
Miscellaneous	10,872.34
Total	\$ 27,996.39

GRAND TOTAL \$521,921.05

What an anniversary gift from the Lord! For the first time the offerings for Brethren Home Missions exceeded one-half million dollars. The total 1974 calendar year offering of \$521,921.05 was an answer to prayer and was adequate to meet the budget. After hearing this good news the board of directors took time out of their annual meeting to sing the doxology.

We are sure you are interested in this good news and we would like to take this means of saying "thank you" to every one who contributed to this new record offering. We are indeed grateful for every one of you out there in our Fellowship who gave so generously and for those of you who increased your gifts this past year to make this a memorable anniversary. It could not have been a better present for us who serve in Brethren Home Missions. Best of all, it was done to expand the testimony of Christ and for His glory. May your share of His blessings be greater for your generosity.

Record offerings present some "record" problems and so The Brethren Home Missions Council is transferring some 10,000 or more individual gift records to computer. This transfer is in process now. We anticipate some minor problems, but no more than usual with the present method. After all, the human element is also involved in the information fed into computers. Once the conversion is made we will have a more efficient recording system and a more rapid receipting of gifts at the end of the year.

You have probably noted that a comparative report is missing and we are sorry about it. Due to the changing of the accounting year from a fiscal to calendar year such a report is not feasible. Starting with January 1, 1974, all reporting will be on a calendar year for Brethren Home Missions. A comparative report will not be available until after January 1, 1976.—FJP

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MOMENTOUS YEARS AT COLUMBUS

The Apostle Paul affirms that "the grace of God which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began is now made manifest . . ." to all men. God has chosen many ways to demonstrate that grace in our time and place. It was active in the vision of our mission boards, in the devotion of pioneer families, in the faith of new believers, and in the determination of zealous leaders. The teaching of God's Word has been both its source and support. The ministries of the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Ohio, has been its fruit.

We share with you these memoirs from our scrapbook so that you might rejoice with us. We have experienced the surging of that sovereign grace as it has ignited men and their movements into a sacrifice for the living God. The grace of God in our lives has become a testimony of His very presence and power.

It's been "10 Good Years of Beginnings."

Easter Sunday morning, March 30, 1975—2,391 gathered to worship the risen Lord in Brethren churches in Columbus, Ohio. Ten years ago, April 19, 1965—127 attended our first Easter service. God has wonderfully blessed.

The weekend of March 2, 1975, we celebrated our first decade. Dr. David Hocking, first pastor of the Columbus work, gave messages for the services. Chaplain John Schumacher was guest soloist. Pastor Jim Custer joined Dave and John to revive the Youth Evangelism Team. The team was active in seminary days.



DAVE HOCKING AND JIM CUSTER - 1975

Mr. Marion Forrest, and Judge J. Craig Wright reviewed the first years of the church's beginning.

"Interest in Columbus goes back to the early 60s, but nothing became concrete until a Bible class met in the Forrest home under the teaching of Rev. Nathan Meyer. They met in the spring of 1964. Pastor Dave Hocking visited Columbus with Rev. Lester Pifer on June 11, 1964, and met with the Bible class. There were about 30 people present.

"It was decided to start a Sunday morning Bible class. September 13, 1964. We continued to meet for Sunday services in the Worthington museum; but when we started averaging around 55 in February, we knew that we had to move. We rented the Seventh Day Adventist Church for \$25

a Sunday. On Easter Sunday (April 18, 1965) we moved . . . and set a goal of 100 for that day. We hit 127! . . . every Easter we planned to reach 100 more, and each Easter we did just that 208 on Easter, 1966 310 in 1967.

"During a business meeting on May 2, 1965, Ed Scofield moved that we purchase property on Worthington-Galena Road at \$11,000 for two lots, and \$500 option on the third lot to be picked up in two years of \$6,800. The total acreage was 1.95. The motion carried.

"By March 1, 1966, the first parcel of land, 1.23 acres, was paid for—\$11,000. The Brethren Investment Foundation advanced a loan of \$60,000 for the building. The first building committee was Marion For-



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rest, Ed Jackson, Ed Scofield, Clyde Mann, Norman Bryar and Pastor Dave Hocking.

"On April 16, 1967, the congregation took an important step by voting to go self-supporting by May 1. In June the church welcomed a new assistant pastor, Tim Farner, and his wife, Sandy. August 1967 the 'Sunday School of the Year' award was presented to the Columbus church.

"Highest attendance in the first quarter of 1968 was 322 at the Sunday morning worship service. At the January 21 business meeting, Pastor Dave Hocking announced his decision to accept a call to the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, California. At the March 10 business meeting, a call was extended to James Custer to be our pastor. The invitation was accepted. Pastor Tim Farner guided the church until Pastor Jim and Triceine Custer arrived in May. The church again reached its goal of increasing the Easter Sunday attendance by 100 each year, setting a new record of 400. The Tim Farners left to go to Brazil in September. A call was extended to Dave Seifert to become assistant pastor.

"Dual services began in March 1970 to accommodate our growing congregation until our new sanctuary was built. Russ Grill was called to become the administrative assistant to the pastor. Pastor Dave Seifert was called to be minister of youth at the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, California. On March 22 the congregation extended a call to Pastor Frank Gardner from Virginia Beach, Virginia. On April 26, 1970, new building plans were approved. The ground-breaking service for the new building was set for August 23. Dr. Kenneth Ashman of Wooster, Ohio, was our guest speaker.

"Plans were made to hold Palm Sunday, 1971, services in the new sanctuary. The Grace College Concert Choir and Brass Choir came for a Good Friday Sacred Concert. Prayers were earnestly requested for an attendance of 1,000 on Easter Sunday. Actual attendance was 1,065. At the May board meeting, approval and support was voted for a one-week tour ministry of the Joyful Noise, a youth musical group. It was voted to extend a call to Bernie and Sue Simmons. Rev. Nathan Meyer came to speak at special weekend dedication services for the new sanctuary, June 18-20. Guest

soloist was Chaplain John Schumacher. The Daily Vacation Bible School offering was used to buy a microscope for Dr. and Mrs. Larry Pfahler to use when they go to Africa. In July Paul Mutchler was named youth activities director.

The first worship service of the East Side Grace Brethren Church took place September 5, 1971, in the home of John and Millie Embaugh. Pastor Robert Combs accepted a call to the East Side church, which moved from the Embaugh home, to the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

The Christian Day School Committee (Pastor Bernie Simmons, chairman; Dick Coldren, Neil Crabbe, Charles Weed, Howard Troutner, Bob Malone and Stanley Fox) reported to the church board March 16. Nearly 300 enrolled in classes beginning in March. Hospitality was requested for 33 pastors, seminary seniors and their wives for the first Pastors' Seminar, May 29-June 4. Pastor Bernie Simmons accepted a call to the Grace Brethren Church in Sterling, Ohio, and began his new ministry August 20. On July 9 John Willett preached at the evening service. He and Linda joined the pastoral staff in September.

Fall 1972, Mr. Lou Koloze, Superintendent of Brethren Church Schools, Long Beach, California, was called to direct/develop Worthington Christian Schools. A 7-acre plot across the road from the church had been purchased to build a Christian Day School. Official ground breaking for the school was Sunday, March 18, 1973.

A record 1,443 attended Easter, 1973. We commissioned a group of believers who felt the Lord's leading to establish a new Brethren church—The Grace Brethren Church of Licking County. August 1973 Paul and Linda Mutchler left for Grace Seminary. The congregation called Don Willett as youth director. On September 4 Worthington Christian Schools opened with 120 students enrolled in pre-school through grade 6, meeting in the church building.

January 1974, Pastor Frank Gardner accepted a call to become pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Licking County. The Worthington Christian Schools building was dedicated February 24. The speaker was Dr. Paul Kienel, Executive Director of the California Association of Christian



WORTHINGTON CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS



Schools. The students and staff moved into the new building on March 6 at which time the enrollment had risen to 150. In May 1974 the congregation voted to purchase the Wilson Bridge School building. Worthington Christian Schools enrollment had now passed 350. In July Pastor Dick Sellers became pastor of the East Side Grace Brethren Church.

On September 15, 1974, we began our second decade. Daryle Emch joined our staff for a 2-year intern program. Mr. Bill Hart, our business administrator since January 1971, concluded his earthly ministry January 8, 1975, when the Lord suddenly took him home. Pastor Ed Scofield, formerly from Columbus, had gone to be with the Lord just a few weeks before on December 21. In February 1975 Dick and "B" Mayhue joined the pastoral staff. We began Bible classes in

Cincinnati, Ohio, trusting the Lord to establish a sister congregation in that city.

We are trusting God to multiply men for His work from among us. Fifteen students from Columbus congregations are preparing for the ministry in Grace Theological Seminary.

We share a great interest in the expanding ministries of the Paul Woodruffs, Don Hinks, Dale Forrests, Jim, Elwells, Ed Jacksons, Ross Martins, Tom Baileys, Tim Farners, Larry DeArmeys, Larry Pfahlers, Vance Yoders, Bernie Simmons, Dave Seiferts, Lou Kolozes, John Schumachers, and others who have shared their lives to the blessing of this people. May God expand our capacity to love by increasing the number of these whose hearts have been knit to ours."



NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE
EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION NEWS SERVICE

Austin, (EP)—The Texas House of Representatives has voted approval of a bill authorizing silent prayer or meditation in the state's public schools. The vote was 112-24.

Rep. Abraham Ribak (D-San Antonio) expressed fear that the bill would hurt rather than help religion in the classroom.

"By passing this bill, you simply give the color of law to this and make it more challengeable," he said.

Washington, D.C. (EP)—The week of Mar. 28 through Apr. 3, 1976, would be designated "National Sunday School Week" under a joint resolution which has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. John B. Anderson (R-Ill.). Such legislation was suggested to the Congressman, a member of the Evangelical Free Church, by Clifford R. Raad, executive director of the Greater Chicago Sunday School Association.

The movement "for over 200 years," Mr. Raad told Mr. Anderson, "has meant a great deal in shaping the destiny of this nation. Because of the bicentennial events, we feel it is only right that the nation should also be made aware of the important role that Sunday School has played" in the country's history.

Changes. The new church secretary for the Grace Brethren Church in Albuquerque, N. Mex., is Miss Naomi Garcia, 11513 Constitution Ave., N.E., Albuquerque, N. Mex. 87112 (Tel. 505-294-8603). Please change your *Annual*.

Hagerstown, Md. Dr. and Mrs. Robert B. Collitt recently visited several Brethren mission fields during a 2-week trip in March. In addition to visiting several countries on the west coast of Africa, the Collitts spent several days in the Central African Republic. They spent one night with the Bruce Padens at the Yaloke station, whose support is shared by the Grace Brethren Church in Hagerstown. Pastor Collitt had the privilege of preaching on Sunday morning at the Castor church in Bangui.

As a result of the enthusiasm of Don Hocking, the Hagerstown church has recently invested more than \$1000 to help clear a building plot for a new school of theology in Bangui. Due to an airline foul-up, the Collitts were able to spend only one night at the Chateau in France, but reported a spirit of expectancy among the missionaries concerning the Lord's blessing. Pastor Collitt's reaction was one of elation over the developments in these fields since a similar visit in 1969.

National conference information has been mailed to all churches. Bulletin inserts containing a mini-program and housing reservation form have been printed and mailed by the Herald Company. The dates for this year's conference are Aug. 1-8, and it will be held at Winona Lake, Ind. Put these dates on your calendar and plan to attend.

Ministerium plans joint sessions with national men at conference. Several changes are planned for this year's national ministerium sessions, all of which are designed for greater efficiency, inspiration and effectiveness.

All of the sessions will be held at the Free Methodist Church, right at the top of the hill above the Auditorium, eliminating the need for scrambling for automobiles. (Saves gas, too!)

The opening sessions will be shared with the laymen. A brief, lively song service, special music, a feature three-minute testimony, then a featured speaker on inspirational themes will be enjoyed. Then the men will adjourn to the basement of the church for their business, while the ministers remain in the sanctuary.

President Charles Turner will preside at all sessions, and the inspirational speakers include John Gillis, pastor at Simi, Calif., on Tuesday, and Dave Burnham, well-known pastor from Akron, Ohio, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Ministers-Wives Fellowship Breakfast planned again. The very successful and delightful ministers-wives breakfast instituted last year at national conference will be repeated on Sunday morning, Aug. 3, at the Wagon Wheel. Cost will be about \$2.25 including tax and tip. Pastor Wesley Haller will emcee the informal and enjoyable program.

Salem, Va. Roger Odell has been licensed to the Brethren ministry and became pastor of the Wildwood Brethren Church early this year.

Sunnyside, Wash. John McIntosh, intern assistant at Sunnyside, Wash., was licensed to the Brethren ministry at Northwest District Conference in February of this year.

Okeechobee, Fla. Charles Davis, former assistant pastor at Brookville, Ohio, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Grace Brethren Church here.

Johnson City, Tenn. Praise the Lord for His goodness to us! We had a record attendance for the morning worship services on both Palm Sunday—118 and Easter Sunday—121! Also in the GROW 75 class there are 10 new faces. Pray with us as we discipline new believers and as we anticipate our future building program. Sherwood Durkee, pastor.

Sunday School superintendents and secretaries will appreciate the new method of order billing which the Herald Co. is using beginning with the June quarter. A more complete itemization of each order is now possible, with a minimum of time, inasmuch as a new NCR 299 machine has been installed in the accounting dept. It's another step forward at the Herald Co.—"a ministry on the move!"

Dallas (EP)—A survey of pastors of Southern Baptist churches having fewer than 200 members has found that “the average minister is under-insured and needs additional protection.”

Baynard F. Fox, vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board, reported that the survey also found that one pastor in seven reported having no medical insurance.

Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Linda Adams and Steve Farris, Mar. 22, Norwalk Brethren Church, Norwalk Calif. Dr. Nickolas Kurtanek performed the ceremony.

Ruth Ann Krall and Alan Gonzalez, Apr. 5, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa. Pastor Luke Kauffman performed the ceremony.

Winona Lake, Ind. Evangelist Bill Smith reports a great crusade meeting at Vandalia, Ohio, Apr. 6-11. There were 38 public decisions for Christ with an unusual spirit of conviction and revival. Everett Caes, pastor.

Montreal (EP)—Evangelicals are mobilizing forces for the 1976 Olympic Games to be held in Montreal.

AO Chretienne, the coordinating agency for the Aide Olympique program for evangelical outreach at the international event, is receiving support from a broad spectrum, according to Executive Director Peter Foggin.

At its inaugural meeting in Sept. 1974, leaders of about 50 evangelical groups indicated backing. The Feb. meeting in Toronto this year revealed even more interest and participation.

Evangelicals see the Olympics as an unprecedented opportunity for global and local impact. Six million international visitors and 10,000 athletes from 120 countries will descend on Montreal for the games slated for July 17 to Aug. 1.

Worldwide broadcasting coverage of the events is expected to have an international audience of about one billion.

AO's approach to the Olympics is heavily influenced by the Lausanne Congress philosophy of evangelism. The stress is two-pronged—evangelism coupled with responsible Christian love.

As a coordinating body, AO acts in the capacity of a service agency to assist groups desiring to minister at the Olympics. Evangelical leaders have expressed the hope that there be as little duplication as possible, coupled with a tangible expression of Christian unity.

Seven commissions are already at work to further that coordination and provide guidance to participating agencies. The seven are: literature, athletes, youth, social services, crusade and media, discipleship and linguistic and cultural cooperation.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

East Pa. May 24; North Atlantic District Conference; Nathan Meyer.

Kittanning, Pa. May 25; Roy E. Kreimes, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

Lititz, Pa. May 25; Jerry Young, pastor; Nathan Meyer.

Lancaster, Pa. May 25-30; County-wide Crusade; Nathan Meyer.

Wrightsville, Pa. June 1-6; George Wilhelm, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

Angels and Demons. What does God's Word reveal about them? You'll find the answer to this timely question in the new Sunday School study guide entitled *The World of Unseen Spirits*. The book has been written by Dr. Bernard Schneider, pastor of the Grace Brethren Bible Church, Fort Myers, Fla. The regular cost of this 160-page paperback book is \$2.95, but during the June-August quarter, quantity orders for churches will be half price. Individual orders are accepted at \$2.95 per copy, and if you send a check with your order, the Herald Co. will pay postage and wrapping costs. Send all orders to the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., P.O. Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

Clayton, Ga. (EP)—A Pennsylvania Dutch missionary from Maine is in his fourth year of roaming back roads of America in a covered wooden wagon emblazoned with scripture verses. To date he and his wife, and their two daughters, have rolled through 39 states in their 13,500-mile journey. Before the summer ends they plan to visit nine more states.

Roland Church, 34, still has his original three horses with which he began his odyssey to “witness for Christ in each state” with the exceptions of Alaska and Hawaii. That goal will be achieved in July when he will return to his home in Maine.

In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

DALE, Edward Ellsworth, Dec. 12, 1974. He was a lifelong member of the Lakewood Grace Brethren Church, Lakewood, Calif., of which he was the moderator at the time of his homegoing.

SCHMELZLEN, Walter Christian, 79, Jan. 11. He was a faithful worker and member of the First Brethren Church in Altoona, Pa. Marvin Meeker, pastor.

SURFACE, Mamie, 80, Mar. 6. She was a member of the First First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va. Lester Kennedy, pastor.

VOSE, Richard L. Mar. 27. Mr. Vose was a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church at Waterloo, Iowa. At the time of his death, he was a member of the trustee and official boards. The memorial service was conducted by Pastor John M. Aeby and Pastor John P. Burke Mar. 31, 1975.



VOLLEYBALL MARATHON



A total of \$2,024.02 was raised to buy a pump and other equipment for the Grace Brethren Chapel at Dryhill, Kentucky, in a recent 74-hour nonstop volleyball marathon sponsored by two Indiana Brethren churches.

The marathon began on Sunday, March 23, and ended at 10:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 26, before a crowd of more than 100 cheering spectators

in the Grace College gym. The final score was Winona Lake Brethren Church, 3,900; Warsaw Community Grace Brethren Church, 3,731. The goal for the marathon was \$300.

In all, some 80 teenagers from the sponsoring and nearby churches participated. Valerie Byers raised the most support (\$246.57) and Lon Owen played the most hours (45). Paul Thompson, volleyball marathon coordinator, was awarded the game ball on behalf of the winning team.

Adult youth leaders in charge of the event were Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Huggins of the Winona Lake church and Greg Ryerson of the Warsaw church. Pastors of the sponsoring churches are Rev. Charles Ashman and Rev. David Miller. The game was continuous throughout the 74 hours, and there were never fewer than four players on each side. Parents and church members kept the participants fortified with food throughout the marathon.

(photos by John Burtoft and Terry White)

The President Meets The President

On March 17, St. Patrick's Day, a special Academic Convocation honoring the president of the United States was held at the University of Notre Dame located in South Bend, Indiana. On this occasion the degree, Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, was conferred upon President Gerald R. Ford by the president of the University of Notre Dame, Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., S.T.D.

To enhance the occasion and pinpoint the importance of higher education, especially the private sector, Father Hesburgh issued a cordial invitation to all college and university presidents and their wives in the state of Indiana to join in this special convocation. In addition to the convocation a luncheon was planned with the president of the United States immediately following the academic exercises, after which there was opportunity to meet the president informally for an exchange of ideas on education.

It was the privilege of the president of Grace Schools and his wife to be introduced personally to President Ford by Dr. Theodore Hesburgh, and we had an opportunity to greet him and shake his hand.

The convocation convened at 11:00 a.m. when the president arrived with more than 200 others who are always included in the presidential party. It was held in the Athletic and Convocation Center, a recent construction on the university campus, holding about 11,500 people. More than 16,000 gathered for this memorable occasion, and more than 5,000 had to be turned away. Included in this gathering were local residents, students of the university and surrounding high schools, faculty and trustees of the university, the presidents and wives of the colleges and universities of the state of Indiana, and official dignitaries of the local, state and federal government.

Clustered about the one appearance there was the procession from the airport through the city of South Bend, the meeting of thousands of people at

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt

the Plaza in South Bend, the press conference at the noon hour, the closed session with governors of all nearby states, together with other significant meetings sandwiched into the event that lasted way into the night.

For days in advance of this occasion the grounds and buildings of the university were serviced by Secret Service personnel. Antennas had been stationed on the roof of the tallest building to handle radio and telephone communications. A telephone was immediately available to the president of the United States wherever he was so that in the event of a national emergency he could command the forces of government for the protection of the nation.

Nothing is overlooked in an effort to protect the president from insurgents among the populace of the nation. During each appearance it was evident that Secret Service men were stationed in strategic positions to guard President Ford. It was their business to keep vigilance over the crowd. As is well known to the people of the United States, every assassination attempt upon the life of presidents has been in connection with crowds at some nationally publicized event. In 1960 when a degree was conferred upon Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Secret Service wanted a whole row of trees on the campus of the University of Notre Dame cut down. The administration of the university did not accede to this demand, so other precautions were taken to accomplish the surveillance necessary.

Complete precaution was taken for the safe arrival of President Ford at the airport, the procession through the city of South Bend, the arrival at the university, the program at the convocation, the movement from one meet-

ing to another, as well as the final farewell and the flight back to Washington.

Every facet and medium of publicity was also commandeered for this occasion. The press was present in abundance—local, state and national. The telephone system was even pressed into service. The radio communications facilities were involved, and the television cameras were operating from every angle.

It was President Ford and his immediate party that occupied the central stage of this event. People wanted to see him, to catch his smile of recognition, and to watch the friendly wave of his hand. But people wanted very much to hear his voice, to reflect on the substance of his message, to evaluate for good or ill the direction in which he was leading the nation.

He did deliver a major speech. It centered on the foreign policy of the nation. It was his conviction that the United States cannot live in isolation from the rest of the world, and that financial aid for military purposes to such nations as Cambodia is essential to the future welfare of our own country.

I could not help but think of that day when the King of Kings and Lord of lords will make His appearance a second time into the world. Worldwide publicity will be given this event. The light of His arrival will stream from one end of heaven to the other. And every eye shall see Him. To add dignity to the occasion, He will be accompanied by a royal escort of creatures from His own creative hand, but He will not need them for protection. With the spirit of His mouth He shall consume His enemies, and with the brilliance of His presence He will render all of them inoperative. His foreign policy will extend to all the nations of the earth, for all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him, and at last isolationism of any kind will be over. Then shall the Lord be King over all the earth. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

The Role and Qualifications of a Pastor



For the past 7½ years, I have been engaged in one of the most exciting ministries I can imagine: that of opening up God's Word in churches. Much of that time has been occupied in interim pastorates. While preaching on Sundays the last 4 years, I have also been teaching at Grace College. The role of a professor and that of a pastor are similar in some areas, yet are different in others. Without wishing to sound like an expert in delineating either the role of a pastor or of a professor, I would, nevertheless, like to draw some thoughts together under the title "the role and qualifications of a pastor."

The first prerequisite for a pastor is that he be a man of God. The pastor must be one who is in love with Jesus Christ and who is demonstrating that love in all areas of his life. It is not enough to know the Word, to be proficient in Greek and Hebrew, and to be a good pulpit speaker. The evangelical community is filled with men who have those qualities, but lack that genuine love for the Lord that exhibits itself in a desire to study the Word for their own edification and profit. They are so busy studying the Word to correct their brothers in the Lord, they fail to take time to commune with the Lord concerning their own life.

We are, in many cases, the modern day church at Ephesus as mentioned in Revelation 2. We are like the man who wore his wedding ring every day, lived

with his wife, interacted in communication with her, but never had what Charles Cooley would describe as a "primary relationship" with her. To illustrate, this morning did you have any real communication with the Lord and were you truly intimate with Him?

The second prerequisite for a pastor is to demonstrate that love for the Lord in all areas of his life. Let us begin in the home. The husband is called upon by Paul to love his wife even as Christ also loved the Church. Christ loved His Church by dying for it, planning for it, leading it, and by nourishing and cherishing that Church regardless of its response. Christ sought ways to bring a response that would be honoring to Him and satisfying to the Church. In like manner we are called upon to love our wives. I believe that the most important and influential person we minister to in our congregation is our wife.

God has called us into a life with that person, a life not just in being a good husband to her, but in being a living demonstration to her and all others of the love that Christ has for His Church. Before we open our Bibles to preach a sermon we must look at our relationship with our wives and see in living color the type of sermon we have been delivering to her and all others who have viewed that marriage.

It is sad to see some rock-solid evangelicals who border on heresy in

the show of what Christ's love is like in their marriage relationships. To illustrate, when was the last time you stopped and tried to understand what it must be like to work 40 hours a week, to cook all the meals, to do the normal housework, to be terribly lonely, and to type all your husband's papers only to get jumped on for making a typographical error? Are you known as the husband of encouragement, or the man who always discourages his wife? If one's relationship with his wife is not a Christ-honoring one, he should either get it corrected or forget about the pastorate.

A third prerequisite for the ministry is a genuine love for people. It is never enough to be a good pulpit man; the pastor must be a good "people-man." Two hours, at the maximum, is spent in the pulpit in three services with the rest of the time being spent in face-to-face interaction. Whether one *likes* people is not the question—he must *love* people and seek ways to demonstrate that love. In reading the epistles of Paul one is immediately impressed with the love that he had for the brethren. Certainly all the brethren were not as pleasant and nice to be around as you and I are, but still he loved them!

In the typical church you will have Serious Sam, Cantankerous Cathy, Moody Mary, Depressed Dorothy, Lazy Louie, Hypocritical Harry, and Dedicated Dan. Stratify your church

along social class lines and you will have Poor Peter, Wealthy Willy, and Average Army.

Frankly speaking, some of these people will be terribly unattractive either from a physical, spiritual, or psychological viewpoint, or all three. Yet, the pastor's orders are to love, exhort, and encourage them all. Nothing can wreck a good pulpit ministry sooner than a man who does not love his people or who shows favoritism in his love. What are some signs of a man who does not love his flock? One sign is an aloofness from the congregation where a man thinks nothing about the needs of a congregation and simply says he is going to preach through a particular book. "If Ephesians was good for the former pastorate, it is good for these folks."

That type of approach is not following the example of our Lord who, while preaching the same essential message, approached Nicodemus differently than he did the woman at the well. People want to see how they can apply the truth to their particular situation. When the pastor simply recites seminary notes, they conclude he isn't interested in them, but is simply going through the motions.

Another sign of a man who doesn't love his flock is one who is too occupied in his pulpit ministry to work in the church. The pastor is not just called to preach, but he is called to minister and to be a servant, including


calling on people, finding out what their needs are, and then *showing* them how the Word of God can meet their needs. One of my great thrills has been in homes where, after sitting on the floor playing with the small kids or after shooting baskets in the backyard with teenagers, I've had parents unload their problems and then I have had the privilege of opening the Word of God to show them answers.

Some feel that if the pastor does a lot of work the people either will not grow spiritually or will become too dependent upon the pastor for their spiritual growth. These usually are defense mechanisms set forth by the one who is either too afraid or too lazy to work. What the evangelical church needs today is more "worker" pastors and fewer "welfare" pastors.

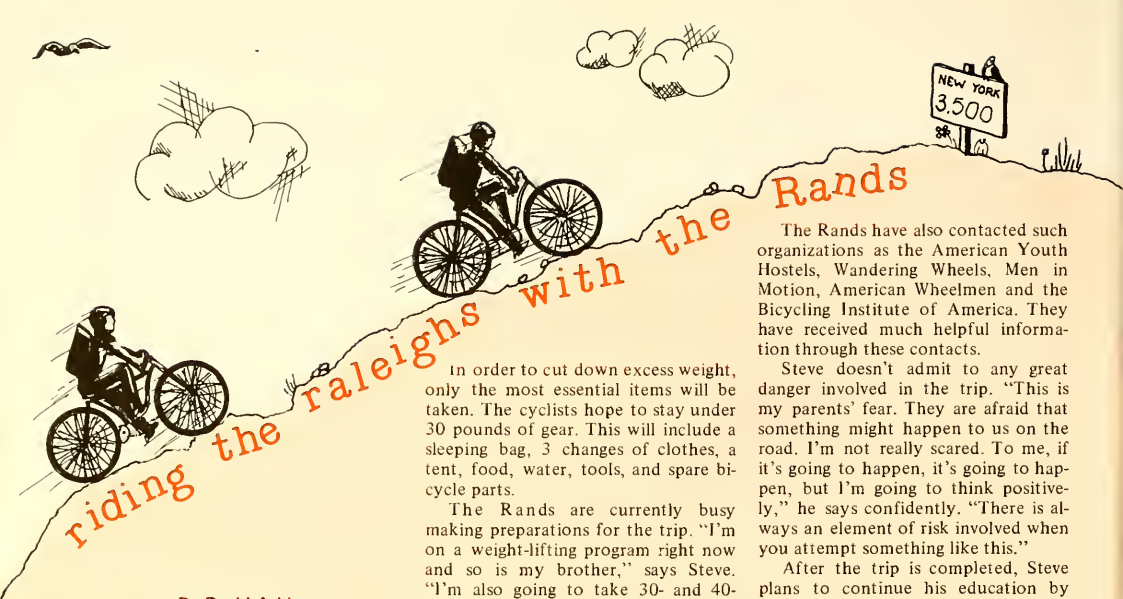
Speaking of welfare, one great tragedy today is that apparently some men feel the Bible says, "My congregation shall supply all my needs." While serving as an interim pastor in Lima, Ohio, 2 years ago, I tried to enlist seminary students to share the preaching responsibilities. The number one question of those replying was "What is the pay?" Can we ask people to have faith in the Lord for something so great as salvation when we don't even have the faith to believe that He will supply our daily needs? The Bible doesn't say "seek first the money of men and all the blessings of God shall be added unto you."

For example, several years ago there was a Grace student who boarded a train on Fridays in Winona Lake, Indiana, and went to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, for a student pastorate each weekend. Where are the pastors who find themselves totally dependent upon God because they don't even have a cent to buy food for their baby? In one particular case God caused a letter with a check to arrive from a man who didn't even know this individual.

We are to be in the world but not of the world. Yet many times we are of the world because we are so wrapped up with materialism that we forget our Lord owns the cattle on a thousand hills. The servant is definitely worthy of his hire, and churches should properly care for a pastor's financial needs. However, the pastor must first seek the mind of Christ in relation to his calling to a church. If so led, he should accept. Then, and only then, should he talk about salary if he is truly a Hebrews 11 type man of God.

The pastorate can be a great and exciting life. If one really loves the Lord, can demonstrate that love in all areas of his life, and has a genuine love for people, then the Lord can mightily use him. May God challenge each of us to examine all areas of our lives for those qualities needed for an effective ministry. 

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By David Atkins
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In these days of economic recession and energy shortages, one Grace College senior and his younger brother have come up with an inexpensive, though strenuous, way to cross the United States. On June 15, 1975, Steve and Ronnie Rand will be leaving their home in Simi Valley, California, to embark on a 3,500-mile bicycle trip that will take them through 12 states, finally ending up in New York. "We figure it'll take around two months, but we're not in any hurry," says Steve.

Both Steve, 22, and Ronnie, 18, are graduating this spring; Steve from Grace College and Ronnie from Simi Valley High School. They are from the Simi Community Brethren Church, Rev. John Gillis, pastor.

The trip has been in the making for several years. "I got my first 10-speed bike in 9th grade and ever since then I've been wanting to take a trip like this. My brother got the same idea after he got his first 10-speed, and we just started talking about it. Finally, about two years ago, we decided to do it. I was home over Christmas and we finalized most of the plans then," according to the older Rand.

Both Steve and Ronnie will be riding Raleigh Recorder 10-speed touring bikes. Special optional equipment has been added in order to improve handling and speed. Special sprockets for mountain climbing and derailleurs will help considerably, according to Steve.

In order to cut down excess weight, only the most essential items will be taken. The cyclists hope to stay under 30 pounds of gear. This will include a sleeping bag, 3 changes of clothes, a tent, food, water, tools, and spare bicycle parts.

The Rands are currently busy making preparations for the trip. "I'm on a weight-lifting program right now and so is my brother," says Steve. "I'm also going to take 30- and 40-mile bike rides on the weekends to try to get in shape. I will take a couple of 100-mile rides later when the weather gets nice. Really, it's almost impossible to get in shape for something like this—we'll just have to get in shape on the trip." As the trip progresses, they will try to cover more and more distance each day.

According to Steve, the trip will be very inexpensive. "On the trip itself, we don't figure to spend more than \$300. That is if we can get free places to stay. We're hoping that churches along the way will let us stay overnight."

The boys' parents were a bit skeptical when told of the trip. "I don't think they think we are going to do it," Steve remarks. "My mom is very skeptical about it. That's just the way moms are. My dad is really for it, though," he said.

What is the motive of the trip? "My brother and I are very close. We just feel that this will be a good opportunity to deepen our relationship with each other and to grow in the Lord together. We hope to do some witnessing along the way, and we may get into a few church services to present our testimonies. As we pinpoint our route, we're contacting churches and friends in surrounding areas and asking about possible lodging. We hope to put on a program at churches where we stay." Steve claims he is not much of a musician, but Ronnie can play a number or two and sing. They plan to share testimonies and tell about the trip's experiences and how the Lord is working on the trip.

The Rands have also contacted such organizations as the American Youth Hostels, Wandering Wheels, Men in Motion, American Wheelmen and the Bicycling Institute of America. They have received much helpful information through these contacts.

Steve doesn't admit to any great danger involved in the trip. "This is my parents' fear. They are afraid that something might happen to us on the road. I'm not really scared. To me, if it's going to happen, it's going to happen, but I'm going to think positively," he says confidently. "There is always an element of risk involved when you attempt something like this."

After the trip is completed, Steve plans to continue his education by working on his master's degree in physical education. Ronnie hopes to become a member of the California State Highway Patrol.

Both Steve and Ronnie are small but athletic. At the conclusion of the trip the strength and endurance of their bodies will be greatly increased. They both have a realistic view of the trip. "I think it's going to be a lot of work. I'm not so romantic to believe that it's going to be all fun. There will probably be days when we are sick of it, but I really don't know how I'll react until we get started," Steve says.

The twosome is interested in having people accompany them on the trip. "We're looking for people, but we're going to be selective. We don't want to take anyone along who will slow us down. We would like to average between 15-20 miles per hour once we get going. We'd probably take up to 10 guys if the interest was there," Steve says. Anyone interested in accompanying them can write to Steve Rand, Box 880, Grace College, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590, before May 23.

The fellows are in no hurry to cover the United States in any set time. "We want to go on our own, and take our time, and see what we want to see without having to rush it," says Steve.

Whatever the outcome, it is a daring venture. They will have their work cut out for them. Steve sums it up by saying, "We figure we are young now and who knows what responsibilities we are going to have later in life. We thought it would be a neat thing to do. We just want to see the country and to enjoy the outdoors for a summer." ☼

Ed Miller named to NCCAA

By Gary Lopez
Grace College Freshman

The "best big man ever" is how Grace College head basketball Coach Chet Kammerer describes Ed Miller, 6-6 center for the Lancers. Miller's cage career climaxed recently as he was named to the National Christian College Athletic Association (NCCAA) All-America team.

"Big Ed," as his teammates call him, is a graduating senior this semester ending a colorful career with the Lancers. Ed has led the "Fighting Red" during the last 3 seasons as the leading field goal shooter, rebounder, and scorer.

Miller is the son of Eddie and Eileen Miller, Brethren missionaries to Brazil, where he was raised. According to Ed, it was during his parents' furlough in California that he became interested in basketball as a youngster.


"Teammates looked to Ed for leadership in crucial situations on the court. He accepted a challenge very well—the tougher the competition, the better he performed," Coach Kammerer said after the high honor was voted by the coaches during the national NCCAA tourney in Chattanooga, Tennessee. "Last year he made the second team but gained

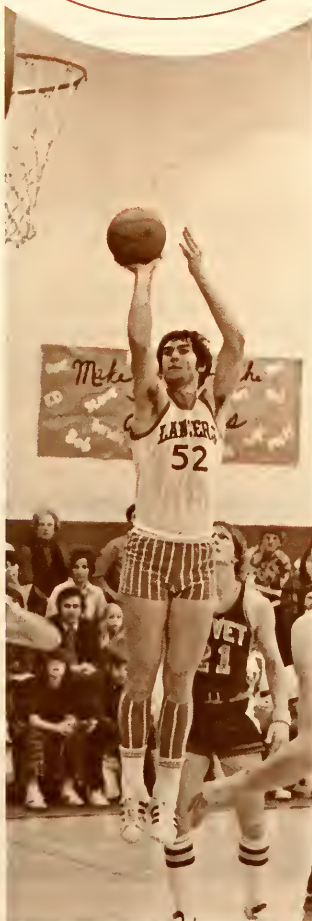
a much-deserved place on the first All-America team this year."

Earlier this year, Miller was named to the first team of the Mid-Central Conference and by a unanimous vote of the MCC coaches he was named the Most Valuable Player. He was also named to the All-MCC first team during his sophomore and junior years, as well as being selected to the All-District NCCAA team the past 3 years.

Other honors have included Most Valuable Player at the Clearwater (Florida) invitational in 1973, at the Fighting Scots Classic, Gordon College in Massachusetts in 1974, and this year he was named to the All-Tournament Team in the New Year's classic at the Point Loma tourney in California. During the last 2 years Ed has been a member of the NAIA All-District 21 squad.

Miller recently surpassed the all-time Grace rebound record of 1,178 set by his cousin, Dave Goodman, a 1968 graduate. Ed's 1971-75 career rebound total of 1,350 will be a hard one to beat.

Ed is a graduate of Warsaw Community High School in Warsaw, Indiana, where he learned the fundamentals of roundball. He is a Bible and Psychology major at Grace. He and his wife, Susan, reside in Winona Lake. 



Myths That Can Handicap Your College Choice

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The young person's choice of a college is one of the most important and far-reaching decisions of his life. Over some 16 years of teaching experience, as well as 9 years as registrar and director of admissions, I have accumulated some observations and ideas about misconceptions that can hurt the young person's college choice. The following article on myths combines my own experience with that of Loren Pope, director of the College Placement Bureau in Washington, D.C.

1.

The college catalog will inform you whether or not this school is for you.

With some notable exceptions, college catalogs are all saying about the same thing. Non-Christian and Christian schools both are indicating that they are doing the best job possible. The catalog is their chief sales pitch. Often, the catalog is an attempt to be all things to all men.

There has always been an intense competition for students, and with the decline in the number of students graduating from high school reaching a low point in the late 1980s, this competition is going to become even worse.

Often, the entire catalog is written by an outsider who is only vaguely familiar with the college. There are many professional firms now in existence who do this, coming out with slick presentations which often are not accurate.

For example, one Christian college stated that 25 percent of its faculty had earned doctorates. Upon checking, it was discovered that there were four full-time faculty members, and one of them had a doctorate. The statement was correct, but it was misleading.

Harry Gideonse, president of Brooklyn College, stated 30 years ago,

"If the Federal Trade Commission ever started prosecuting colleges for false and misleading advertising, a lot of college presidents would be in trouble." My advice is to visit the campus and talk to the students and to the staff. You will get a real feeling of what the school is all about.

2.

Make your college choice early in your senior year and have all applications in by Christmas.

In the academic community only about 70 colleges out of almost 3,000 have winter application deadlines. This involves about 70,000 out of the total

1,750,000 freshmen applications. The fact is, never once in the history of the United States have all colleges been full. Currently many colleges are down in their enrollment with some of them closing their dormitories and being forced to release their staff. It is projected by 1990 that college enrollment will be one half what it is now. It is further projected that of the 850 private colleges in the U.S. today, one third to one half of them will fail by 1990, due to lack of students. You do not have to get your application in before Christmas, but do not wait until the last minute. This is especially true if you are desirous of financial aid.

3.

A big university offers a broader, richer, undergraduate experience with better teaching, a wider selection of courses, and a more diverse student body.

The university today is primarily interested in research, publishing, and graduate teaching. Some of the best universities delegate 70 percent of freshmen and sophomore instruction to graduate assistants. At best, this is very uneven in quality with virtually no student-faculty interaction.

The richness of the college experience is not determined by the thickness of the catalog or the course listings. "The quality of the experience depends more on the human and intellectual caliber of the college community—both student and faculty—and on the desire, the drive, and particular needs of the person entering it." You must know what you want and then seek the school that best fits the desire.

Far more important than numbers are the *kinds* of people. Furthermore, it is often easy to know the whole community of a small college, while



having only a small circle of friends and acquaintances at a big university.

4.

The name of the college on your diploma will determine whether you will get into a graduate school or do something worthwhile in life.

You cannot get into any medical school with a "C" average from Yale. You can with an "A" average and good medical college aptitude test scores from virtually any little-known, small college in the nation. Being a graduate of Harvard may get you your first job, but 5 years out of college, how you prosper or achieve will depend on your own initiative and abilities.

Earl Nightingale told of a recent study taken by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. They were trying to find the answer to the question, "To what extent does success in college predict success in the company?" The figures showed that the single, most reliable indicator of a college graduate's success in the company was his work in his graduating class. Their figures did not say that they should look for men only in the above average schools. On the contrary, the man and what he has done are much more important than *where* he did it. It is not the school the man went to; it is what he accomplished in school that makes a difference.

5.

What one or more of your friends say about a college is an excellent indicator that that college is for you.

This is one of the greatest recruiting tools for Grace College and is one that high school seniors most frequently use. This may not, however, be a valid reason for attending the school unless you and your friends are alike in interests, abilities, value systems, and personalities. "Choosing a college because one's high school girlfriend or boyfriend is going there runs a statistical danger—most college students choose both their major and their love interest at least twice."



6.

A college you have heard about is better, or at least safer, than one you have not.

This is one of the worst traps of all. A conscientious parent wanting the best college experience for his son or daughter has probably heard of the following schools: Ivy League (Harvard, Yale, Princeton), the Big Ten or some other conference depending on the section of the country they are from, and local area schools. In addition, the student probably has also heard of the ones his friends plan to attend or are currently attending. But "known" schools may be unrealistic or unfortunate choices for the student. There are no ratings or rankings of undergraduate schools. It is not necessarily good if called Christian and it is not necessarily Christian. First-rate schools, whether they are Christian or non-Christian, do not normally hit the newspapers because of the educational impact. Too many pick a college because the name of the school is familiar, thanks to the sports page. An example of this is Jacksonville University in Florida. As soon as its basketball team became well known nationally, applications to the institution soared. However, the school itself was no different or better than before. Now it was just more attractive.

7.

There are millions of dollars in unused scholarships going begging every year.

This cruel lie benefits the sellers of books on how to find a scholarship, but no one else. Practically all scholarship money is given through the college, and in most instances there is very little in the first place.

Financial aid is customarily given in a package; part of it a grant, part of it a loan, and part of it work. Much of this aid is from the federal government and is drying up due to a great deal of abuse.

Except for the buying of athletes, good colleges use *need* as a criterion for aid. And almost always there are some students with needs that the college no longer has funds to assist.

8.

Your choice of a college major is very important to you, and you should choose your college on the basis of the quality of its department in that field.

The choice of one's major usually should be resisted or avoided until the end of the sophomore year. Why? Because a student needs more exposure to ideas and education before he gets into his vocational training. For example, engineering demands the earliest full commitment, and yet it has the highest attrition rate of any field. Only about 30 percent of the young people who start finish that program.

In addition, most college freshmen know very little about themselves, the world, or the growing variety of choices open to them. It has been my experience that many college students change majors once or twice. Many adults today work in occupations that are not closely connected with their college major. For example, I prepared to be a history teacher and am now in admissions and records work.

The college major will not make you competent in any field. The most it will do is help you get your first job in some area. Then, you move from there and often will move into a different field as time goes on.

9.

It is hard to get into college.

This was never true. Anyone who graduates from high school can get into any one of a number of 4-year colleges. In addition, there are 2-year community colleges that have open-door admission policies. This means they will allow anyone who has a diploma or the equivalent to enter.

10.

Tests scores are the most important thing. Good ones will get you into a good school, and poor ones will keep you out.

For good admissions directors, test scores rank third in importance—after grades and class rank. The best indication of how a person will do in college is how they did in high school. Of course, there are exceptions to this reasoning. A student might not have been motivated to study in high school, but since has seen the value of education. Also one's relationship with the Lord is often a determining factor in his study habits.

Generally, persons with good grades and poor scores will have many choices for admission to good academic schools. However, the reverse is not true, because that individual is an academic risk.



"Myths are to read about, but not to live by."

11.

If you are in the top 10 percent of your class, in a good, big high school, and have good test scores, you belong in an Ivy League or Little Ivy school.

Only 3 percent of the top 10 percent with good test scores get into these schools. The top 10 percent figures out to be 175,000, and of this group, 26,000 are valedictorians. The 8 Ivy League schools take about 5,700 freshmen annually. The three Little Ivys take about 1,000. If you lump together the 30 or 40 most selective colleges in the country, their freshmen classes would total between 20,000 and 30,000. This leaves upward of 150,000 of the top 10 percent of the students of the nation that cannot get into these Ivy or Little Ivy schools.

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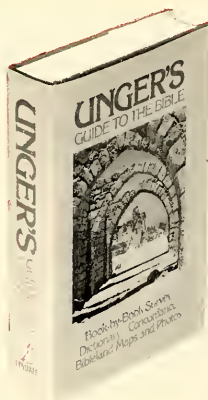
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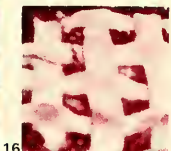
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Dear Editor

□ I have received a copy of the March 15 issue of the *Herald*, picturing the drama department of Grace Schools. I don't think L. S. Bauman, Alva J. McClain, Charles Ashman, Sr., or going back to Alexander Mack and the founders of our church, would have approved this *Herald* cover—although it was beautiful. I, too, thought it not appropriate.

We have told you we enjoy the *Herald* and also the study books you have been led to publish.

May the Lord continue to bless you, and the staff in your important work for the Lord and our beloved church.—*Pennsylvania*

□ . . . a word of thanks for a quality article. I appreciate the force of Jim Engel's article on communication ("World Evangelization: A Myth, A Dream, Or A Reality?" April 15, 1975). It was a credit to the *Herald* that Grace Schools decided to reprint it in that issue!

I'm sure the armchair critics and some of the well-meaning theologs may chew up the clock discussing his chart . . . (Is decision to act, repentance and faith in Christ *prior* to regeneration? Or because of it?).

But . . . cheers for the challenge! I sure hope the evangelical church will not sell its media/communications birthright for a mess of "pulpitage"!—*Indiana*

□ Regarding the article entitled "World Evangelization" written by James F. Engel, which appeared in the April issue, I would think it more appropriately titled "Garbage!"

The plan of salvation and the gospel message are plain, simple truths. In the light of Christ's teaching His apostles, He used simple examples and a language they could understand.

The "Big Fisherman" would never have understood this article and neither did I.

I praise the Lord and thank Him for my understanding of His simple gospel message.—*California*

there is something special about June

By Charles W. Turner
Editor

If I were heard to say: "There is something special about June," my friends would show neither shock nor surprise. They would probably say I obviously ought to feel that way. Why? To me June is my lovely wife, Mrs. Charles Turner. She is indeed a very special person, not only because of who she is but what she is. However, she is not the June I had in mind (this time).

In fact I could have said: "There is something special about June—and July is all right, too." These two months have been set aside in the National Fellowship of Brethren

of the challenges before us. This expenditure would run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars in the next 5 to 10 years. Much of the printed material used by Brethren Home and Foreign Missions, Grace Schools and the Christian Education Department is from the presses of the BMH print shop. Church advertising for many local Brethren churches is also printed here along with bulletin services rendered. Brethren Study Guides for the adult series are typeset and printed on our own presses.

We at the Herald Company have been amazed at the growth of the work. In the past five years our income has doubled, and in 1974 the income of the company reached \$775,000. Our goal of \$1,000,000 by 1981 seems now to be a statement of little faith. It seems 1976 will be a more likely date, and that would be some five years ahead of projections. "Doubling in a Decade" has been replaced with the thoughts of doubling in half a decade. For all of these blessings we give thanks to the Lord.

But we need partners, and we have found them in our Fellowship. People who believe in what we are trying to do. Our purpose is simple—produce materials true to the Bible and with excellent quality in presentation. Why should the world try to put a corner on quality materials as far as color and attractiveness is concerned? God deserves the finest we can give Him and His work. God has always requested the first lamb without spot or blemish. We are trying to do just that—present the best.

You have expressed to me in letters and in conversation your appreciation for such a philosophy and end product. Most of our income is through the sale of literature which we seek to keep at the lowest possible level consistent with good business practices. Our offering goals are kept at the lowest possible projections so your dollars can also go to missionary and educational endeavors. This year our basic needs are for \$50,000 to help us expand and to meet our obligations. To bring the attainability of this amount to a personal level, we are asking for \$10 per family throughout the Fellowship. This would make possible adequate funds to meet our growth needs.

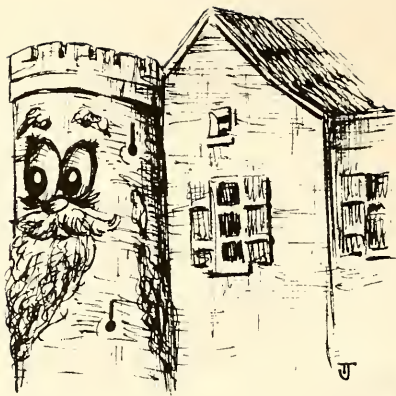
Yes, June is very special and so is July. They are publication months in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Come, grow with us and be a partner in an irrevocable part of God's work.

Churches as publication months. It is the time of special emphasis for offerings and gifts to help increase the flow of printed information. This is an age when the printed page is more popular than ever. A few years ago there were great lamentations about the fact television would soon replace written communications and various publications, including books. Nothing appears to be further from the truth. The sale of religious books and literature is probably the fastest growing area of Christian witness at the present time. Religious magazines and books are being sold in secular retail outlets, as well as in new Christian bookstores which are opening at a rapid pace.

The Brethren Missionary Herald Company is in this stream of rapid development. The *Herald* magazine has changed its face to full color presentation. Subscriptions have increased, and we are seeking to bring to you a denomination publication that you will receive with justifiable pride. New books coming from the presses with BMH trademark are experiencing a growth pattern that is beyond our expectations. In a recent 30-month period, we produced more books and tracts than we had produced in the previous 30 years of the company. Our wholesale trade catalog is mailed to some 2,500 bookstores throughout the United States. The BMH label is being accepted by the conservative Christian community.

The BMH Printing Department is now in its sixth year and the volume of work is increasing rapidly. New equipment is being added annually, and the need for larger presses and increasingly effective equipment is one

The Chateau Walls Speak



By Larry DeArmey

Oh la, la, I might just as well face it: I'm not going to get any rest tonight. The young people are finally all in bed now, but I couldn't sleep if I wanted to. Listen. Alain and Jean-Claude are just getting wound up and they'll be sawing logs all night long. I pity the poor guys who are sleeping (or should I say, trying to sleep) in the same dormitory with them.

And Brigitte and Martine. Why won't they settle down. Giggle, giggle, giggle. I sure wish Larry would crack down a little more and get these kids quiet at a decent hour.

Oh well, this only happens one weekend a month and I have to admit that I really wouldn't want it to be any other way. Things used to be pretty dull around here. I really feel like I am "me" now. What good is a castle without voices, laughter, music. Without those things, I'd be just another interesting "place" for curious tourists to come and see.

When the Juliens decided to "convert" me into a center where lots of people could come, especially young people, I was not at all happy, to say the least. But, you know, this "new life" that I've found—being used as God's tool reaching French people with the Gospel—is really something else. And being 500 years old, I didn't think that I could take dozens of teenagers tramping all over me. But now, I can hardly wait for the first weekend of every month to roll around. Today, for example. I knew that it must be Saturday again and that something big was in the air. The missionaries were

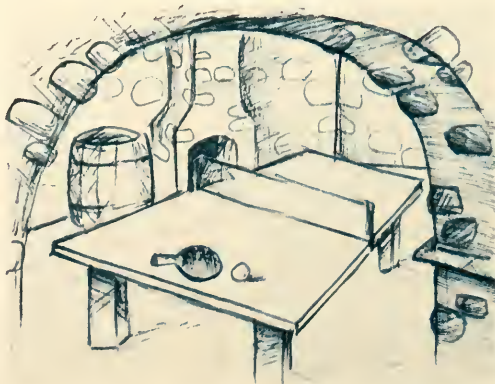
all running around, cleaning me up, carrying in groceries, building fires. Did I feel good! And then I heard it. Charles Roda would be my special guest this weekend. Magnifique! Or, as those American kids used to say last summer, "Fantastic!" Can he ever sing. When Charles puts on a weekend, things happen. He's got something to say.

I thought this evening would never come. It takes these people forever to get down to business. Instead of going

straight to the meeting room and letting Charles get on with the show, they have to go to the library to register, then a picnic in the park, and then game time in what used to be my wine cellar. I've got to admit that I much prefer the spirit of fun there in the cellar to the "spirits" they used to keep there; but, on with the show!

Finally, everybody gathered together in my "grande salle." I'm sure that if they would have squeezed one more person in there, my termite-

(Drawings by Terry Julien)



riddled beams would not have held up my floor. But when the guitars start strumming, voices singing, hands clapping—boy, that brings joy back into these old stones. And it's all over too soon.

Tonight something special happened again. Most of the kids were off getting ready for bed, and a few had left me for a midnight stroll through the village. Claudie and Thierry sat down by my fireplace and began to talk to Francois. They told him about the new life that they had discovered

in Jesus Christ. Well, before it was all over, Francois bowed his head and was "born again." Every time that happens, which has been hundreds of times in the last 10 years, I feel a little more life flow into me. I'm not the most handsome chateau in France, but you would have to look far and wide to find another one as alive as I am.

Well, tomorrow is another big day: worship in the morning, another concert by Charles in the afternoon. Maybe I'll try to get an hour of shut-eye. All is quiet. I'll just close my shutters



and . . . zzz.

Ho, what's that? Who's walking around on my tower? Oh no, It's Christian setting up his telescope to study the stars. He should be in bed. I'll never get to sleep now. Well, tomorrow night I'll be alone again. I might as well have a good time while I can. ☺

A decision made by the Foreign Board in their most recent meeting was to move the three retired missionary ladies who had been residing in apartments at Philathea House, Winona Lake (Miss Florence Bickel, Miss Elizabeth Tyson, and Mrs. Minnie Kennedy), to the Grace Village retirement complex east of Winona Lake. May 1 was the tentative date for their moving. Henceforth, Philathea House will be kept for furlough missionary use, or perhaps for other missionaries who will be retiring in the future.

Built largely with funds supplied by the national WMC, Philathea House was first occupied in 1961 when Mrs. Rose Foster, Miss Grace Byron, Miss

Florence Bickel, and Miss Elizabeth Tyson moved into the four apartments. Miss Tyson and Miss Bickel had continued to occupy their apartments until moving to Grace Village. Mrs. Minnie Kennedy moved into the apartment formerly occupied by Mrs. Foster when Mrs. Foster felt no longer able to keep house for herself.

Advancing age has made it less desirable for these retired missionaries to be "on their own," and all were looking forward with eagerness to residing at Grace Village.

The new address for these three ladies is the Grace Village address—Box 337, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590. ☺



On June 1 Rev. Jesse B. Deloe is assuming the position of deputation director in the office of the Foreign Missionary Society in Winona Lake, Indiana. He is filling a much-needed position which has been vacant since Rev. Keith Altig left to return to missionary service in Brazil in the spring of 1974.

Mr. Deloe has served in the pastorate for some years—most recently as pastor of the First Brethren Church of Whittier, California. ☺

**move
to
grace village**

personnel needs

BUSINESS MANAGER (Couple preferred) – Central African Republic

Job description:

1. **Field Treasurer.** Maintaining contact with home office; keeping stateside bank records (deposits and withdrawals); keeping records on field; disbursing funds to co-treasurers, stations and projects; receiving copies of financial statements from various treasurers and making out quarterly financial statements of treasurer's funds.
2. **Freight Agent.** Caring for food orders and all other incoming and outgoing freight for missionaries; constant contact with Ponteco company in Africa and shipping companies in U.S.; making breakdowns of charges to missionaries for transportation from ocean port to Bangui, as well as customs charges.
3. **Entertainment of guests.**
4. **Possible other ministries:**
 - A. Teaching the Bible (in French) in government schools.
 - B. Girls and women's work.
 - C. Film ministry—in charge of all films on the field (Moody Science, Ken Anderson, World-Wide Pictures, Life of Christ films, and such).
 - D. Personal witnessing and counseling.

Notes concerning position:

1. Language study requirement: French study for one school year at Albertville, France, and the following summer at Alliance Francaise, Paris.
2. Bible study—A year at Bible institute, Bible college, or seminary.
3. Age—Young enough to gain a good knowledge of both French and Sango; it is difficult for older people to do this.
4. Experience—Courses in bookkeeping; also, experience in an office is desirable.

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**Women missionaries for work with girls and women in
C.A.R.**



Miss Grace Byron (left) aboard the SS *Bandama*, French freighter, leaving the U.S. in 1953 for her last term in Africa, with Miss Florence Bickel and Miss Estella Myers.

God has called unto himself another faithful servant. Grace Byron was an active Brethren missionary for 30 years, and even after her retirement she was a prayer warrior and diligent proponent of the missionary cause.

Miss Byron left the United States in 1928 and studied the French language in France before continuing on to Africa, where she arrived early in 1930.

In 1958, after she had arrived back in the States for retirement, Miss Byron was requested to write an article for the Missionary Herald. The following is what she wrote.

Be it ever so humble, there is no place like the little stone house, perched high on Bassai hill, which was my home for many years. The greatest desire of my heart was to spend the rest of my life serving the Lord in Africa and at last to be buried among the people I loved, but the Lord willed it otherwise.

As I began another term of service in February 1953, I realized I was swiftly approaching the inevitable retirement age and there was no way of stopping time from marching on nor of turning it back. I did not like the idea of retiring, but if that was the Lord's will, He would give me grace and victory.

Near the end of my four-year term, the Africans began asking me when I was going to my village for a rest. Then I told them about retirement, and that I would not be returning. This they could not understand, as I had always returned after furlough. They asked: "Did you not give your life to the Lord to serve Him, and did not Miss Myers return and is buried among us?" This was hard to explain, but I said: "I will not reach the retiring age limit until 1958; we will pray for permission to have my term extended a year so that I can stay with you as long as possible." It was a happy day when I told them our prayers were answered. This comforted them somewhat, as they are always willing to accept anything as long as the completion of it can be kept in the future.

The news spread that I would not be returning after furlough. The Africans came from far and near to see me, some expecting a gift but others to express their appreciation and beg me to return to teach their children. I told them the Lord would not leave them orphans. He may remove His workers, but His work goes on. In tears they would ask that we might pray together before they left. It was heartbreaking, but these memories and others are very precious.

The day for leaving came all too soon. There was sadness as I looked across the valley to the hills and realized I would never see them again. I thought of Psalm 121:2—"My help cometh from the Lord . . ." Then as I looked into the tear-stained faces of the Africans, I praised the Lord for their changed lives, and for those who are serving Him, whom I taught when they were children, and their children also. We covenanted to pray for one another, and to pray that He would send out teachers. We praise Him for the consecrated young people He has sent, but more are needed.

I am now living in the Missionary Residence at Winona Lake. I do thank the Lord for this comfortable home and all the nice things you have done to make it pleasant. Come to see me whenever you are in Winona Lake. Continue to pray that the Lord will use me in the field in which He has transplanted me. Pray especially for the African pastors, teachers and nurses, that they will be faithful, and also that the door in Africa will be kept open to the Gospel.

In 1961 Miss Byron moved into a cozy apartment in the newly constructed Philathea home for retired missionaries at Winona Lake. This remained her home until September 1972 when it was necessary for her to be moved to a local nursing home where she spent the last years of her life.

A memorial service was held on March 22 at the Winona Lake Brethren Church, of which she was a member, and interment was in Oakwood Cemetery, Warsaw, Indiana. She is survived by a niece, Mrs. Vivian Markuson of New York City.

**"...but
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work
goes on"**

Memories and reflections of a long-time friend as presented at the memorial service for Miss Grace Byron—Winona Lake Brethren Church, March 22, 1975.



Grace Byron
May 7, 1888 — March 19, 1975

Lovingly, Grace

By Mrs. Ben Hamilton

I've entitled these few thoughts, "Lovingly, Grace." I do not believe she ever signed a letter to any of her friends in any other way, and that signature sums up her philosophy of life.

Grace loved her Lord and His Word, she loved her fellow missionaries, and she loved the Karre natives to whom the Lord sent her. This love for them showed itself in her zealous determination to see that they learned to read the Word of God in their own native tongue. While Estella Myers devoted much of her missionary career to giv-

ing the Karre people the Word in their own language, Grace devoted her entire missionary career to helping the Karre learn to read that Word.

Grace, who spent her early years in and around Detroit, Michigan, came from a family quite unlikely to produce a Brethren missionary.

Sometime around 1920 she left Detroit to work in Chicago. There she met Ethel Myers, a younger sister of Estella who had gone with the Gribbles to Africa to attempt entrance into French Equatorial Africa. After living in Chicago for a while, the two girls became tired of the city and decided to go back to Ethel's home farm in Iowa. They decided to raise chickens. One amusing sidelight is that Grace, who had never seen anything but cold storage eggs, could not eat the eggs her chickens laid because in her words, "they didn't have any flavor." They also raised vegetables—good training for a city girl who was going to have to live off the land in Africa.

Grace first became acquainted with the Brethren Church in Iowa. She was saved and worshiped with the Brethren at North English. And then Estella Myers came home on her first furlough—Africa had been opened. The Brethren had gone in to Bassai in the heart of Karreland, and missionary recruits were needed. Grace responded to that need as presented by Estella.

She then turned to the Bible Institute of Los Angeles for the training she needed. It was there that she and I became friends in 1925-26. Our friendship has been sure and steadfast for the past 50 years.

After graduation, and a few months spent in Kentucky plus some time of study in France, she reached our Africa mission field early in 1930. She was assigned to the Bassai mission station where she was privileged to spend her entire missionary career. I followed her to Africa a few years later. Although I spent my first term at the Bellevue station, by 1937 I found myself living with Grace at the Bassai station. The old stone house on the brow of Bassai mountain now lies in ruins, but we spent some happy years together there.

Grace and I were both teachers. We shared a three-room schoolhouse. In one end she taught Karre children to read their own language; in the other two rooms I taught older boys who had had vernacular school to read French.

Grace's great passion was to teach her Karre children to read their own language. Those were the pioneer days. We had no printing press and no duplicating machines. I could buy French

primers, but Karre primers were made one by one by hand. We had typewriters for ordinary type, but larger type and all pictures—hippos, elephants, pots, birds, even mosquitoes—had to be drawn in slowly by hand. Much love and dedication went into that task.

As time went on and Grace's young students grew up to become vernacular teachers in surrounding villages, her teaching area expanded into teaching the teachers. And she spent much time in the villages encouraging the progress of this work.

In addition to her zeal for giving the natives ability to read the vernacular, I believe she would be most remembered by her fellow missionaries for her resourcefulness and her quick wit. Nothing ever shook or ruffled her.

For example, the *ZamZam!* Many of you recall that early in World War II, before the U.S. entered the war, a large group of missionaries sailed on the *ZamZam* for Africa. Several Brethren missionaries, including Grace, were on the ship. In mid-ocean, early one morning, it was attacked by a German raider. Grace was sharing a cubbyhole cabin with two other ladies. According to Grace, all three of them could not move around at the same time. When the shelling began, Grace calmly stayed in bed while the other two scrambled around and went on deck. Then she got up, dressed completely, and went on deck. By that time all life boats had gone. Only a few officers and little Elaine Morrill, who had been separated from her parents, were on the ship. The captain said he was sure the Germans would send a boat for them before they scuttled the ship. So Grace settled Elaine in a deck chair, went below decks, and calmly packed a suitcase of necessities. One thing she saved was a pair of colored prescription glasses I had ordered. Needless to say, it was many months before they finally got to Africa.

Her wit and quick repartee will never be forgotten by us who knew her. That wit never left her through her long illness. Just a few weeks ago one of the nurses, trying to encourage her to eat, remarked that she was getting so thin she could hardly see her. To this Grace retorted, "Look twice."

As we look twice we see not only a body ravaged by illness but, at second glance, a devoted friend, an untiring missionary! Only eternity will reveal how many hundreds of Karre learned to read the Word of God in their own language because she taught teachers, who taught teachers, who taught other teachers how to read the Karre language.



The story of a jungle adventure — in God's perfect timing

marooned in an african jungle

By Marvin Goodman

The African jungle was dense and impenetrable. The stillness was broken from time to time by the sometimes beautiful but more often raucous calls of tropical birds. Chattering monkeys flitted by, passing easily via the treetop freeway. Occasionally the haunting echoes of the Pygmy hunting cry would drift within hearing range. This was the scenario we encountered on a recent, unforgettable trip I would like to share with you.

The trip was being made to a mission field in the far southwest corner of the Central African Republic. This mission field was maintained, not by our own Foreign Missionary Society, but by the Missions Council of the African Fellowship of Brethren Churches. The “we” of our party were Simon-Pierre Nambozouina and Andre Gondje, president and secretary of the missions council, plus Albert Goulando, the first African missionary sent to this isolated area, and myself as missionary counselor.

Among the Apostle Paul's greatest travel experiences was an unscheduled stop at the island of Malta—shipwrecked and marooned in an out-of-the-way spot. When the world, in the form of Paul and 275 other bedraggled persons, intruded itself upon these isolated people, the primitive people responded with a kindly and hospitable reception. Paul's experience was ours in a 20th century setting—we were marooned in the Central African jungle instead of upon an island of the sea.

Our schedule called for a quick, 5-day survey of this isolated area of the Central African Republic. There were two towns on our itinerary: the government post of Nola, and a village called Ndele (pronounced “n-dell-lay”). Missionary Albert Goulando had

faithfully labored most of the past five years at this village of Ndele, and the result was a thriving church of more than 200 members. But within the past year he had felt led to push on farther south and west to establish a church at the government center of Nola, located at the confluence of two large rivers. This left the church at Ndele pastorless; thus, a survey trip to determine the needs of the field seemed imperative.

We had heard that this area was isolated because of roads that in many spots were almost impassable to all but 4-wheel-drive vehicles due to drifted sand. We optimistically seized on the word “almost” and decided we could make it in our conventional 2-wheel-drive pickup. What we weren't aware of was other miles of jungle road which we will soon describe.

VISIT TO NOLA

We left Bozoum on Friday, and by hard travel and in spite of the sand, arrived at Nola, 320 miles away, by Saturday night. There we were welcomed by Pastor Goulando and a thriving group of believers who have already formed a church, or more accurately, churches. There is one big problem. These believers are about equally distributed on the three different banks of the two rivers as they flow together. Because of economic reasons (no bridges, and paid crossings by pirogue or ferry) and physical reasons (swollen banks that make crossings impossible part of the year) there are three small congregations meeting each on its own riverside rather than one large congregation meeting at a central point.

The Nola area is thriving economically. Several large lumber mills supply a sizable part of the milled lumber for

the whole country. Nola is also in the diamond mining area. So the population here is physically well off by Central African standards, but their spiritual needs have been sadly neglected.

ON TO NDELE

After having a good day of services with the Nola group on Sunday, we started on for Ndele the next day. Our departure had been delayed by rains so that 4:30 p.m. found us arriving at a village only 20 miles from Nola. Nevertheless, Pastor Goulando announced that we would stop and sleep at the house of a Christian family in that village. The rest of our party protested saying that we surely could make it to Ndele yet that night. Pastor Goulando was unmoved by our objections, and so we stayed with a hospitable Christian family who quickly killed one of their precious chickens to provide us with an evening meal.

The next day we found out the “reason why” for Pastor Goulando's stubbornness of the afternoon before. We left the village about 4:00 a.m. and the first few miles were clicked off in good time. Then the jungle started closing in on the road. Our speed was reduced as Pastor Goulando warned us to be on the lookout for fallen trees. Our vigilance was soon rewarded as our headlights illuminated a tree squarely across the road. This one was small enough to be pushed to one side by our combined efforts. As we proceeded on, the first was soon succeeded by a second, and it had to be chopped through before we could roll it to one side. And so we progressed by “stop and start” for the next 25 miles.

While traveling this stretch we had seen no villages and no people—only jungle. Once in a while telltale wisps



Pastor
and
Mrs.
Marvin
Goodman

mechanic, Martin Garber at Bozoum.

GOD'S PURPOSE REVEALED

Just as God had a reason for marooning Paul on the isle of Malta, we were sure that He had a reason for stranding us at the village of Loka, our oasis in the African jungle. We came here on the business of African Church Missions, and here was a mission field God had given us. The four of us had some great experiences in those days of enforced waiting. We divided up the land and each of us went from house to house in our area, visiting and witnessing to the people. Here was an old man whose three sons had accepted the Lord, but who was content to stick with the old ways in hopes of joining the spirits of his ancestors. The second day of dealing with him found him accepting Christ and rejoicing in our (and now his) blessed hope. There was an old lady who listened attentively and said little, but then she came down the aisle during the invitation at our Sunday service. At another house we found a young man who had accepted the Lord; but then—the continually recurring story of Africa—the Lord had not blessed his marriage with children and so he had taken two more wives just recently. We dealt with him and left him under real conviction. Many accepted Christ, but not all. One girl attempted to run away when approached. Not succeeding in this, she sat still with her eyes closed and hands over her ears. Three days of effort failed to get the message of salvation through to her, Demon activity hasn't ceased yet in this stronghold of Satan.

PYGMIES

As we went about our activities, we noticed small groups of miniature-size people walking by on various paths. These Pygmy people are not easy to approach—that is if you want to approach them as people and not as curiosities. Even here there have been hardy tourists who came to gawk. We greeted these timid people and prayed for an opening that would win their confidence. On the third day I approached two Pygmy men who were resting in the shade of a nearby tree. After a few minutes of greeting and general conversation, I displayed to them the illustrated tract showing a crossroads with the broad way leading to hell and the other way leading to heaven through Christ. These little

of smoke drifted across the road to indicate that somewhere a little distance off the road there was a Pygmy village. These villages blend in so completely with their surroundings that finding them is next to impossible except by the traces of smoke from the Pygmy campfires. On a stretch of 75 miles of jungle road, we encountered only one small village.

We were traveling along this narrow road when Pastor Goulondo cried, "Stop!" We had just passed the crossroads where we were to turn to get to Ndele. We backed up and the pastor pointed to a spot in the jungle that looked no less dense than any of the rest. Finally he convinced us that this was indeed a road, and we dubiously nosed our faithful truck down a little trail with the undergrowth rubbing against us on both sides. Several times we thought we were blocked by huge logs across the road, but each time we found a perilous detour hacked out in the jungle to get around them.

After a 75-mile trip through the semi-darkness of the jungle, we suddenly emerged into sunlight. We had arrived at an oasis in the rugged jungle. The people of three small villages within a stretch of less than a mile had

laboriously hacked out clearings for gardens. One could see for a distance of 50 feet in every direction! As we arrived at the first of these villages, Christians, won to the Lord by Pastor Goulondo, swarmed around the car in joyous welcome.

BREAKDOWN

Yet we had not arrived at our final destination according to our program. Ndele was still about 20 miles further on. Our script said we must press on, so we departed from the first of these three villages. We had arrived at the second when the motor of our erstwhile faithful pickup coughed, sputtered and died. Despite all the efforts of this amateur mechanic, our truck could not be revived. The situation continued on this way for the next long week. Each morning we would work a little more on the motor, then long-suffering villagers would push the truck up and down the length of the village in continuously futile efforts to coax life into the balky motor. The day after our motor gave out, we had sent a man on an arduous 2-day trip through the jungle on the only bicycle in the village. He was to send an SOS by telegram from Nola to our "real"

men listened and commented intelligently, and were visibly moved by the message of the tract. After another encounter with these same two men the next day, we were extended an invitation to visit their village in the evening when the men had returned from their hunting and from clearing garden plots.

How do you describe the primitiveness of that little Pygmy village? There were 12 small huts which housed better than 70 of these diminutive people. Their huts were arched limbs covered with leaves. The dome shape reminds one of an Eskimo igloo but there the comparison stops. In a shelter not over 8 feet in diameter, a family of as many as six or even eight would sleep, lying on leaves around a small, smoldering fire. There were almost no possessions in evidence apart from their hunting nets and a type of crossbow with which they could accurately shoot deadly poisoned darts.

The Pygmies have their jungle and know it like we know our old home town. They are in their element hunting or searching out wild jungle foods. They do little in the way of making a garden or concocting foods that require extensive preparation. They have functioned in a loose sort of slave system with some African family taking the part of their benefactors. The Pygmies bring in part of their game, or work in their benefactor's gardens in exchange for prepared foods such as manioc flour, and—unfortunately—tobacco and native beer.

We were able to visit the Pygmy villages and share Christ with them for several evenings. One of these evenings the Pygmy men came home wearied from a rare thing, a fruitless hunt. One man learned some tragic news from his wife. During their absence, two dogs had discovered their meager meat supply and devoured it. To get their vengeance, the Pygmies tramped one of the scrawny and hapless dogs to death on the spot. They picked the other up by the neck and flung it savagely to the ground about 30 feet away. How our hearts ached for these poor people whose only hopes were centered on a few hunks of dried meat. Praise God, through our visit a few have begun to learn of the untold riches of heaven. But so many more need to know our Saviour.


As a result of our unscheduled stop, at least 15 Pygmies made professions of faith in Christ. And for the first time almost the whole Pygmy village attended the Sunday church service. The small grass chapel was filled to overflowing, and the little people joined in singing a couple of simple songs we had taught them.

Spiritually, we enjoyed a feast. Physically, we had not come with sufficient provisions for an extended stay. But again, we did not lack. Here would come a Christian woman with a porcupine stew accompanied by a big dish of manioc mush. The next mealtime, another Christian lady would bring a stew of monkey meat. Again, we would receive a piece of roast antelope. And these deliciously prepared

(though exotic) meats were always accompanied by abundant quantities of the manioc mush which is the African staff of life.

RESCUE

The anticlimax came nine days after we broke down in this village. Our telegram had not been received until four days after it was sent. Then, Martin Garber and Don Miller drove day and night to come to our rescue. There had been a storm in the jungle, so there were lots of new trees to be chopped through or hacked around—eight hours of tedious toil. But that is a tale of its own! The rescue party was joyfully received when they arrived in the middle of the night. The next day the troubles were diagnosed and remedied. There was a broken part in the carburetor plus some deficiencies in the ignition system. These were the physical and apparent reasons for our shipwreck in the jungle oasis. But we know there was another reason. That stop was registered on God's calendar a long time ago.

We want to go back! Assuredly, we will make our preparations a bit differently. But we want to talk again with our new brothers and sisters in Christ—isolated from us but not from God. And we want to have a greater part in reaching many of those Pygmies for Christ. We believe God's calendar has another rendezvous already marked there for us to go back to the scene of our shipwreck. In His time and His way, we expect to impart the riches of Christ again to these needy people. 



BMA NEWS SUMMARY BMA

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION



(l. to r.) Pastor Gene Witzky, Pastor Gary Cole, Jim Deuser, Mrs. Gerta Schnieders, Mrs. Marge Kurtz, Mrs. Claudine Brooks and Mrs. Ruth Latham.

Florida District. Pictured above are the new officers elected at the district conference for the Brethren churches on Mar. 20-22 which was held at the Grace Brethren Church, Pompano Beach. Pastor Gene Witzky of the Grace Brethren Church in Pompano Beach will serve as the new moderator. Pastor Gary Cole of the Grace Brethren Church of Ormond Beach, Fla., is the new vice moderator. Jim Deuser is the treasurer from the Grace Brethren Church in Fort Lauderdale. Mrs. Gerta Schnieders from the Fort Myers congregation will serve as the statistician. The new secretary will be Mrs. Claudine Brooks of Fort Lauderdale, assisted by Mrs. Marge Kurtz from the Pompano Beach church. The district WMC president will be Mrs. Ruth Latham from the Grace Brethren Church in Orlando.

Colorado Springs, Colo. The Colorado Springs Grace Brethren Church and the Denver Grace Brethren Church have recently exchanged Sunday evening programs! First, the Colorado Springs church journeyed the 75 miles to Denver to present the drama, "Barabbas," on Apr. 6. The attendance was 95. On the next Sunday, the Denver church traveled to Colorado Springs to present their children's choir. The choir sang Ralph Carmichael's "The Jesus Story." The attendance was 144. Both congregations enjoyed the switch, and the attendance was good at both of the services. It was a real blessing to all who attended. Thomas Inman, pastor.

Wooster, Ohio. Mr. Tad Hobert has accepted the call of the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, to serve as the associate pastor. He began his duties following graduation from Grace Seminary. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

Wrightsville, Pa. June 1-6. George Wilhelm, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

Long Beach, Calif. The First Brethren Church of Long Beach is now on the radio Monday through Friday. The broadcast is called "Sounds of Grace" and features systematic Bible teaching with outline notes available to the listeners. The station is KGER AM, and the time is 3:00 p.m.—1390 on the dial. David Hocking, pastor.

Spokane, Wash. Members and friends of Spokane Valley Grace Brethren Church were able to attend two international evenings, Apr. 18 and 20.

The fun started with a Missionary Food Fair where we had a record attendance of 70 people. The foods from seven foreign missions and three home missions were prepared by the WMC ladies and the young people. They were served from booths that were decorated in their native decor. The Central African Republic booth, which was done by the Wednesday night juniors, served fruit cups and peanuts. It was voted first prize as the most authentic booth.

Following the vast variety of foods, Rev. and Mrs. Eddie Mensinger spoke and showed slides of their mission field in the C.A.R.

The speakers for the second night included Miss Mary Cripe and Miss Lois Wilson of the C.A.R., Rev. and Mrs. J. Paul Dowdy from Argentina, and Miss Kwang Ja Park from Brazil. They shared with us concerning their work on each mission field and answered many questions. Rev. Paul Dowdy showed slides of Argentina and afterwards everyone enjoyed cookies and pastries from each of the mission booths.

In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

McLEOD, Dr. Robert, 88, Apr. 4. He was a fine Christian layman and was affiliated closely with the Ghent Brethren Church. Dr. McLeod was a very active Christian. For a number of years he conducted a network radio broadcast entitled "Gospel Meditation." Lee Myers, pastor.

WRIGHT, Anne, Mar. 7. She was a charter member of the Ghent Brethren Church. Lee Myers, pastor.

Wedding Bells

A six-months' free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to new subscribers whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Gloria Norris and James Cappy, Dec. 21, 1974. Grace Brethren Church, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Ruth Weed and Robert Nowak, Mar. 29, 1975. Grace Brethren Church, Bowling Green, Ohio.

THE SWITCHBOARD

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director; James Long, assistant to the director.

A weekend series of convention sessions and seminars have been planned to help your church in its ministry to families. These sessions immediately precede national conference and will be held at the Winona Lake Brethren Church except where noted otherwise.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

- 1:00 p.m. CONVENTION I — Sanctuary
Music: Bob and Nancy Messner
Speaker: Dr. Martin Stuck
Remodeling Archie Bunker's Castle
- 2:15 p.m. SEMINAR I
How To Be the Wife of a Happy Husband
(Part I)—Mrs. Darien Cooper (Lounge)
How To Be the Husband of a Happy Wife
(Part I)—Dr. Martin Stuck (Sanctuary)
Family Ministry in the Local Church (Part I)—
Dr. Paul Fink (Fellowship Hall)
Music and the Christian Family—
Rev. and Mrs. Robert Messner (Choir Room)
Reaching Families for Christ Through the Bus
Ministry—Rev. Don Rough (Youth Room)
- 7:00 p.m. CONVENTION II — Sanctuary
Sacred concert with Bob and Nancy Messner
and family
- 8:00 p.m. SEMINAR II
How To Be the Wife of a Happy Husband
(Part II)—Mrs. Darien Cooper (Lounge)
How To Be the Husband of a Happy Wife
(Part II)—Dr. Martin Stuck (Sanctuary)
Music for a Growing Church—
Rev. and Mrs. Robert Messner (Choir Room)
Family Ministry in the Local Church (Part II)—
Dr. Paul Fink (Fellowship Hall)
The Church's Ministry to Young Marrieds—
Rev. David Seifert (Youth Room)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

- 9:00 a.m. CONVENTION III — Sanctuary
Music: Bob and Nancy Messner
Message: Your Church Ministering to Youth—
Howard W. Mayes
- 10:00 a.m. SEMINAR III
How To Be the Wife of a Happy Husband
(Part I)—Mrs. Darien Cooper (Lounge)
How To Be the Husband of a Happy Wife
(Part I)—Dr. Martin Stuck (Sanctuary)
Music and the Christian Family—
Rev. and Mrs. Robert Messner (Choir Room)
The Christian School and the Christian Family—
Dr. William Male (Youth Room)

Bible Learning Activities You Can Use

- Miss Alberta Hanson (Fellowship Hall)
- 1:00 p.m. CONVENTION IV — Sanctuary
Music: Bob and Nancy Messner
Message: Dr. Kenneth Gangel
- 2:15 p.m. SEMINAR IV
How To Be the Wife of a Happy Husband
(Part II)—Mrs. Darien Cooper (Lounge)
How To Be the Husband of a Happy Wife
(Part II)—Dr. Martin Stuck (Sanctuary)
Music for a Growing Church—
Rev. and Mrs. Robert Messner (Choir Room)
Christian Discipline and Disciplined Christians—
Dr. William Male (Youth Room)
Resources for Creative Bible Learning—
Miss Alberta Hanson (Fellowship Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. CONVENTION V — Rodeheaver Auditorium
Music: Bob and Nancy Messner
Sunday School Contest Awards
Message: Dr. Kenneth Gangel

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

- 9:30 a.m. SEMINAR V — Sunday School Hour
Children and Youth Departments under the
direction of Winona Lake Brethren
Church Staff
- Elective classes for adults:*
Dr. Kenneth Gangel talks to pastors about
family ministry (McClain Auditorium)
Knute and Jeanine Larson talk to pastors'
wives about family ministry
(McClain Chapel)
James Long teaches the Brethren Sunday
School lesson (Rodeheaver Auditorium)
Ken Taylor talks to parents of teens
(McClain 108)
David Seifert talks to young marrieds
(McClain 109)
Mary Lou Fink talks to parents of elementary
children (Fellowship Hall, Winona
Lake Brethren Church)
- 10:45 a.m. CONVENTION IV — Final Sessions of the
Christian Education Convention — Homer
Rodeheaver Auditorium
Speaker: Dr. Kenneth Gangel

christian education convention & seminar

PSA INSIGHT

A National Fellowship of Brethren Churches Sunday School Report

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

of all reporting Sunday Schools* March, 1974—159
 March, 1975—171

GROWTH INDEX BASED ON 170 REPORTING CHURCHES

March, 1974 weekly average attendance 26,961
 March, 1975 weekly average attendance 29,049
 NET GAIN in reporting churches 2,088 persons or up 7.7 percent

SUMMARY

112 churches registered increases totaling 2,802
 53 churches registered losses totaling 714
 Largest numerical increase Johnstown, Pa.—Riverside
 Largest percentage increase Cumberland, Md.

*The larger the number of reporting churches, the more accurately these figures will represent the church growth picture of the NFBC. We urge the total support of the churches of the NFBC in this computer-evaluated church growth analysis which is provided free of charge to churches of the Fellowship by the Christian Education Department.

MARCH CONTEST WINNERS

<u>Div.</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Superintendent</u>
A	— Myerstown, Pa.	Luke Kauffman	Guy Brightbill
B	— Westminster, Calif.	Douglas Bray	Richard Coburn
C	— Warsaw, Ind.	David Miller	Don DeYoung
D	— Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	Don Rough	Leroy Spangler
E	— Long Beach, Calif. (Community)	Ralph Colburn	-----
F	— Colorado Springs, Colo.	Thomas Inman	-----
G	— Cumberland, Md.	Michael Funderburg	Donald Bulger
H	— Conemaugh, Pa. (Singer Hill)	Marvin Lowery	Gail Howie
I	— Columbus, Ohio (Eastside)	Richard Sellers	N. L. Jacobs
J	— San Jose, Calif.	Fenton McDonald	-----
N	— Armagh, Pa.	David Plaster	Joseph Barrett

RECORD ATTENDANCES: Albuquerque, N. Mex. (Heights)—56; Armagh, Pa.—105; Beaverton, Oreg.—130; Bethlehem, Pa.—67; Brookville, Ohio—279; Colorado Springs, Colo.—226; Columbus, Ohio (Eastside)—146; Conemaugh, Pa. (Pike)—415; Coraopolis, Pa.—69; Cumberland, Md.—233; Cypress, Calif.—96; Dayton, Ohio (Huber Heights)—148; Des Moines, Iowa—134; Gresham, Oreg.—58; Jackson, Mich.—117; Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)—477; Lititz, Pa.—245; Mt. Laurel, N.J.—101; Myerstown, Pa.—631; Orlando, Fla.—46; Ripon, Calif.—255; San Jose, Calif.—78; Santa Ana, Calif.—70; York, Pa.—252.

Christian Education Department

NEWS AND VIEWS

specific summer prayer

"...and Lord, I pray for the missionaries, our church, our family, and those serving the Lord this summer, and ..."

It's so much easier to remember "all our young people" than "that Tom will find an opportunity to share Christ this week" or "that Sue will be able to completely memorize the entire Book of II Corinthians for quizzing next month."

To remember specific requests takes a list. And prayer lists are exciting when one sees definite answers to prayer. Join us for these specific requests for summer ministry:

BRETHREN NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

1. That the goal of 1,000 persons to attend Brethren National Youth Conference be met.
2. That a real spiritual reawakening will be experienced during conference this year.
3. That a positive atmosphere will permeate the entire week.
4. That 100 persons will be involved in the Post-high Division of Brethren National Youth Conference.

OPERATION BARNABAS

1. That Operation Barnabas will have a very positive effect on all of the 30 teens involved in the one-month evangelistic ministry.
2. That 50 first-time decisions will be

ANOTHER CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Greenwood Grace Brethren Nursery School is completing its first year of operation. The school, which was begun as an extension of the Christian education ministry of Greenwood Grace Brethren Church of Modesto, has enjoyed an enrollment of 35 students with 2 full-time staff members. Del Stafford is the school's director; Ward Miller, pastor. You are urged to make this addition to your 1975 Directory of Schools Operated by Churches of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, printed in the January 1, 1975, issue of the *Herald* magazine.

made through the ministry of the team.

- That no accidents will occur during the many travels of the team.
- That all the team members will be able to have a positive influence on their home churches following the summer ministry.

TIME

- That the 30 young adults involved in the TIME (Training In Missionary Endeavor) program will have no accidents or sickness.
- That all 30 will be open to returning to the mission field following their experience.
- That they will be a real encouragement to all of the missionaries on the more than 10 mission points represented in this summer's ministry.

VOCATIONAL CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES SEMINAR

- That the Vocational Christian Ministries Seminar will draw 150 students on August 1-2.
- That all the students will be "turned on" to opportunities in vocational (full-time) Christian work in the Brethren Fellowship.

We'll appreciate your prayer support in each of these areas. You will be kept informed as to how these requests were answered.

CED FALL SEMINARS SCHEDULED

Helping Sunday School teachers and youth workers is a continuing priority of the Christian Education Department. In the past year, weekend or weeknight seminars containing approximately 12 hours of training have been presented in 16 locations.

The concept of area seminars presented by instructional teams from the Christian Education Department will

be a priority again in the 1975-76 conference year. We welcome contacts from churches or districts regarding future seminar scheduling. As financial realities allow, separate seminar scheduling this year will provide help in two main subjects—*Increasing Bible Learning in Sunday School Through Student Involvement* and *Biblical Involvement of Adults in Local Church Youth Ministry*.

PSA INSIGHT

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AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

of all reporting Sunday Schools* April, 1974—171
 April, 1975—173

GROWTH INDEX BASED ON 178 REPORTING CHURCHES

April, 1974 weekly average attendance 30,888
 April, 1975 weekly average attendance 30,761
 NET LOSS in report churches 127 persons or down .4 percent

SUMMARY

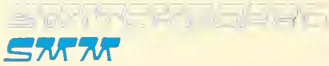
68 churches registered increases totaling 1,846
 107 churches registered losses totaling 1,973
 Largest numerical increase Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)
 Largest percentage increase Cumberland, Md.

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APRIL CONTEST WINNERS

Div.	Church	Pastor	Superintendent
A	— Columbus, Ohio	James Custer	Donald Garlock
B	— Buena Vista, Va.	Lester Kennedy	Galen Lynn
C	— Warsaw, Ind.	David Miller	Don DeYoung
D	— Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)	Don Rough	LeRoy Spangler
E	— Lititz, Pa.	Jerry Young	Jay Ruhl
F	— Union, Ohio	Ron Picard	William Cochran
G	— Cumberland, Md.	Michael Funderburg	Donald Bulger
H	— Beaverton, Ore.	James Willett	-----
I	— Columbus, Ohio (Eastside)	Richard Sellers	N. L. Jacobs
J	— Ormond Beach, Fla.	Gary Cole	-----
N	— Hope, N. J.	Terrance Taylor	Earl Tarr

RECORD ATTENDANCES: Albuquerque, N. Mex. (Heights)—60; Bethlehem, Pa.—80; Columbus, Ohio (Eastside)—163; Cypress, Calif.—126; Hope, N. J.—41; Indianapolis, Ind.—136; Kenai, Alaska—52; Kittanning, Pa. (North Buffalo)—144; Lititz, Pa.—265; Minerva, Ohio—95; Norton, Ohio—144; Santa Ana, Calif.—58; Spokane, Wash.—52; Toppenish, Wash.—83; Union, Ohio—310.



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that she have the opportunity to learn.
we also have some other concerns.

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Saturday, August 2 - Saturday, August 9

Registration dead line

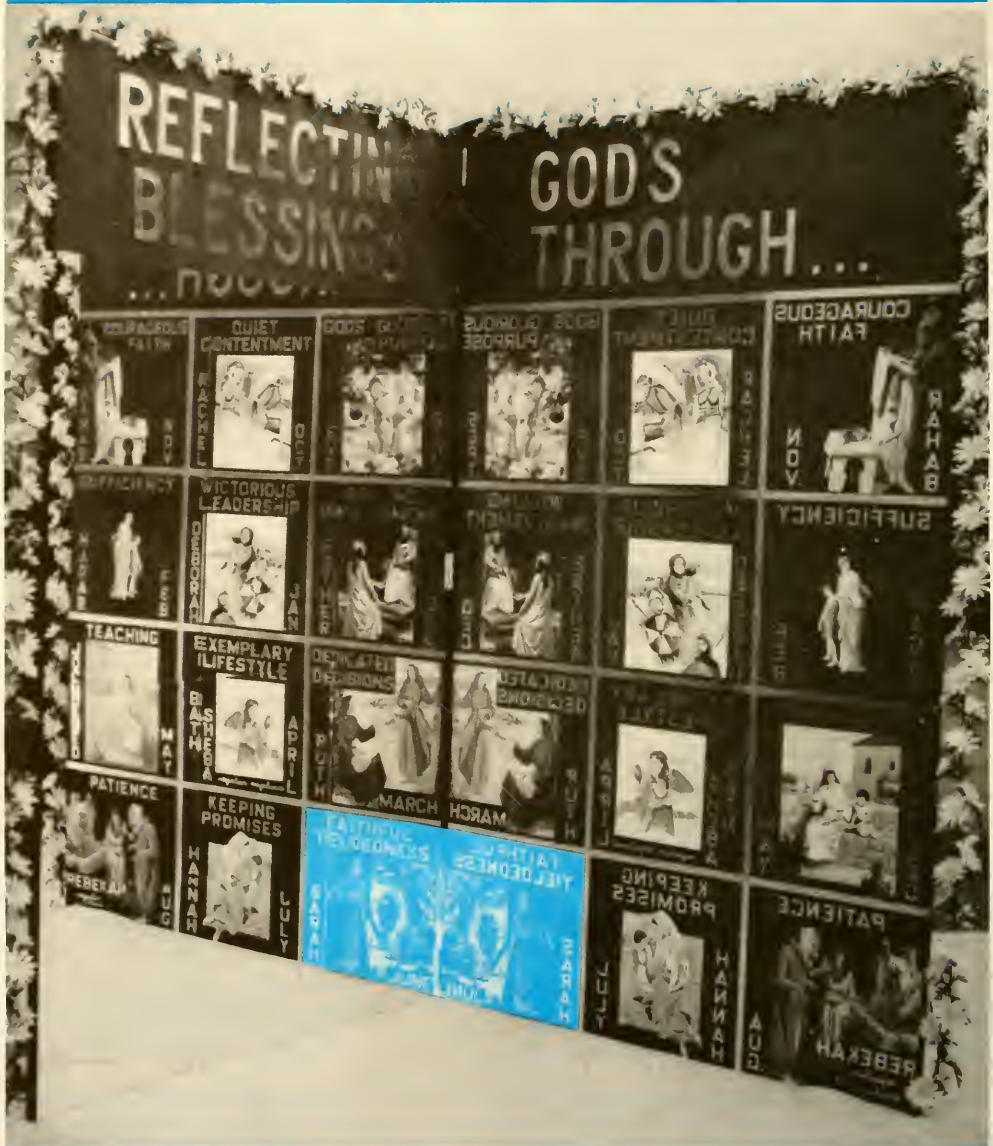
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July 1st!!

CONFERENCE CHECK-IN

1:30 p.m., Saturday, August 2, 1975.

The first night's lodging will be
Saturday, August 2.



REFLECTING GOD'S BLESSINGS THROUGH FAITHFUL YIELDEDNESS

If you haven't honored the Birthday Missionaries in your council this year, it's not too late. A salad luncheon, patio birthday party or poolside fiesta would be great ideas to use to emphasize the importance of knowing these ladies and boosting your Birthday Offering (see page 21). For more complete information see the FOREIGN MISSION ECHOES (January 1975) and the HERALD (November 1974-April 1975, WMC issues)

**It's
not
too
late!**



Sherry Hammers — France



Dorothy Maconaghy — Argentina



Minnie Kennedy — Africa (retired)



Carol Mensinger — C.A.R.



Miriam Churchill — Mexico



Freda Kliever — Chad

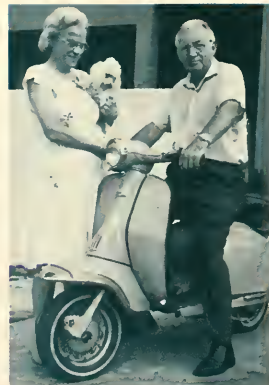
Mailbox Messages

***AKRON, OHIO (First)**—We divide into groups so that *all* members participate in programs and serve at least once a year . . . give cash gifts to all visiting missionaries . . . help pay expenses for WMC members attending national conference . . . honor our pastor's wife at birthday time . . . send a cash gift to our missionary child . . . (and a list of many more ideas too long to print). All of this just says that our WMC members know there is *Joy in Serving Jesus*.

***SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT**—Now there are 3 mystery packages per year! Percentage of membership present at each rally is computed and the prizes are awarded at district conference. . . . The Old-Fashioned Dinner was a hit! . . . complete with antique decorations, appropriate music and menu, and special speaker, Rev. Charles Turner.

***CLEVELAND, OHIO (Lyndhurst)**—At our special Birthday Missionary party we used SMM girls for the missionary interviews. They dressed up like the one they represented. Our offering was visualized with the figure of a person on a poster (representing a missionary) and listed beside the figure were graduated amounts starting at the feet with \$0. PRAISE THE LORD we were able to fill in the figure and even put a hat on the missionary with our offering.

***ALLEGHENY DISTRICT**—A recent project was the purchase of a motor bike for the work where Rev. and Mrs. Keith Altig are serving in Brazil. It has cut their gas bill in half.



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God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it—or use it for good, but what I do today is important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it.

When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it.

I want it to be gain and not loss; good and not evil; success and not failure for the high price that I have paid.

# I'M A CHILD OF THE KING

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This is a first so make it great! The offering goes for the Girl-of-the-Year scholarship and support of the director of girls ministries of the Christian Education Department. If you missed the emphasis in the April 1 issue of the *Herald*, look it up now and give.

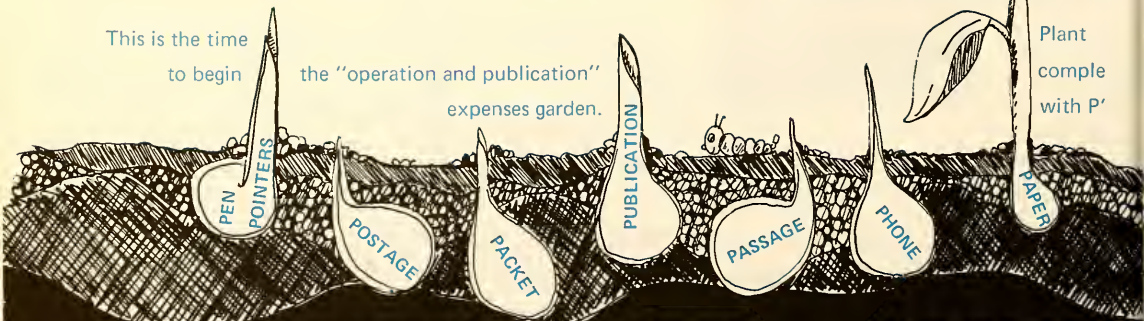
This is a contribution toward the support of missionary ladies serving under the Foreign Missionary Society. This year 6 ladies have been chosen (see page 19). Next year is up to you! Send the offering now!

This offering supports the Jewish work which is under the Brethren Home Missions Council. If your council has not given or if you feel like you could have given more, do not hesitate to send this offering to the national financial secretary-treasurer.

## offerings

This is the time to begin the "operation and publication" expenses garden.

Plant complete with P'



Allow the warmth of prayer to permeate each plant and water with a generous offering. Harvest will be ready on September 10.





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*As they say . . .*

## It's Straight From The Horse's Mouth

The Brethren Missionary Herald Company is experiencing outstanding growth. Sales of Christian literature and the *Herald* magazine continue to move forward at a record pace.

But your offerings are needed to help purchase new equipment at the print shop as well as to cover the losses of the magazine. You can help to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through your support of the printed page.

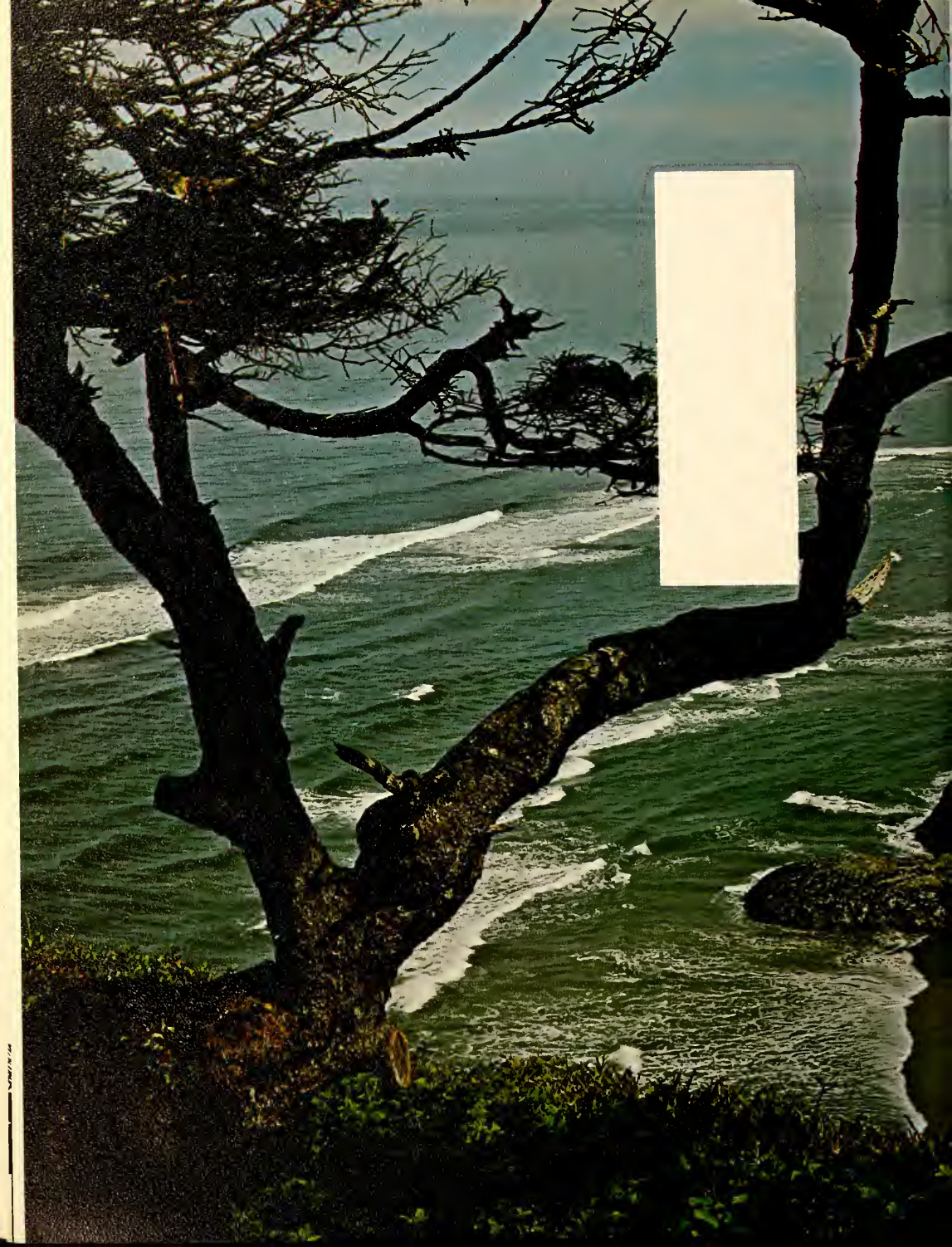
We seek to set our offering goals at a very realistic level to cover the basic needs. This year the goal is a very modest \$50,000. In order to break the goal down to an individual basis, we encourage each Brethren family to give at least \$10.00

Remember this information because it's . . . "straight from the horse's mouth."

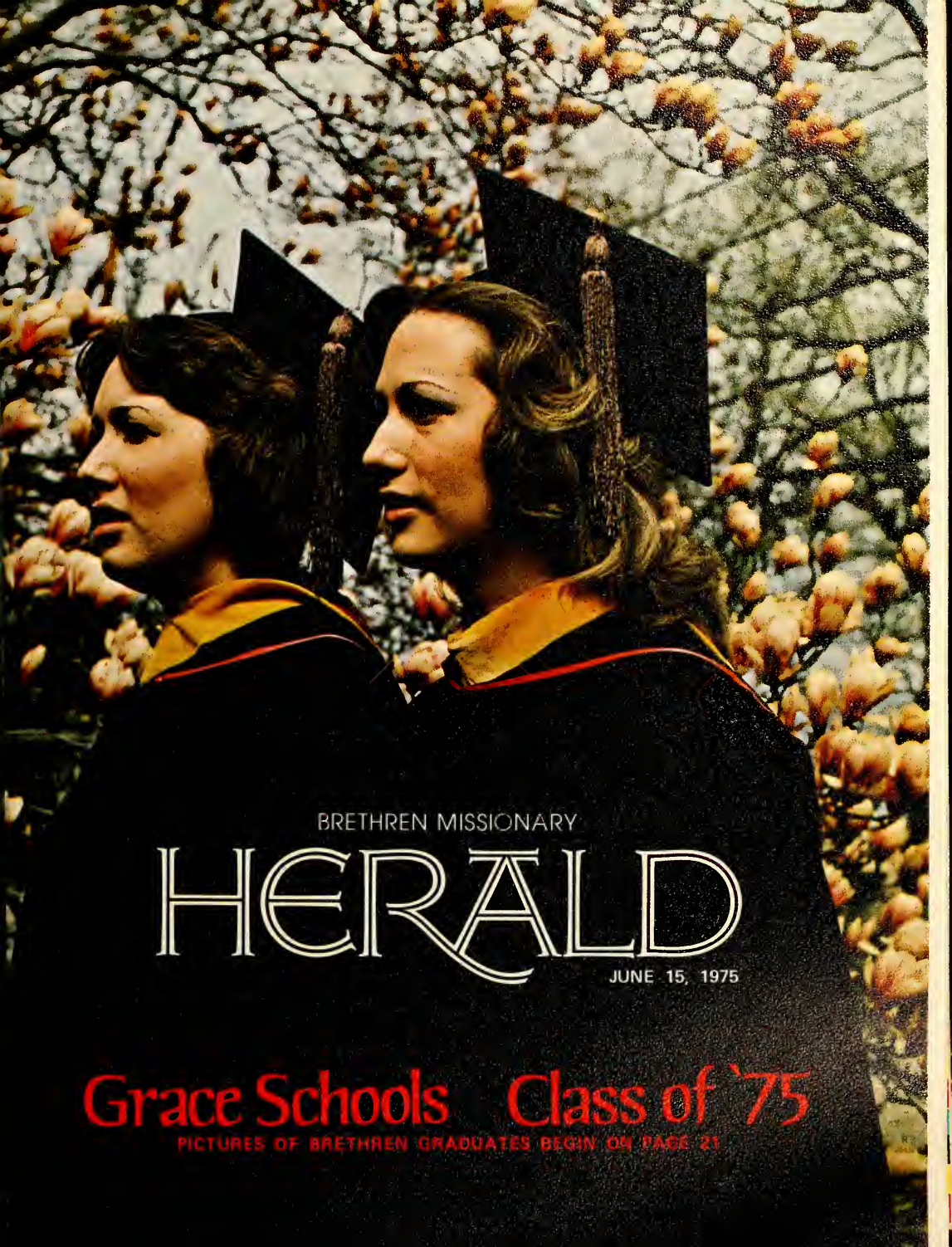
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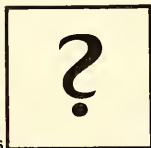
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**Cover Photo:** Two in one family! Judy and Pam Walters, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Walters of Mansfield, Ohio, were among the 110 seniors graduated from Grace College on May 23, along with 61 from Grace Theological Seminary. In addition to the flurry of finishing college, the Walters girls also spent the spring planning a May 31 double wedding. (Photo by Terry White)

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## Dear Editor

☐ I was shocked and yet not completely surprised, in this day and age, to read the letter from someone who accused the BMH of being an abomination, satanic, and so forth. What disturbs me most is the manner in which he attacked the BMH. He showed a characteristic of the same thing he accused the magazine of—that of being satanically controlled or oppressed. Many times Satan will use the Christian's terminology to attack God's work.

I do not know the person who wrote this letter, but I still love this person and am concerned for him. I pray that he (or she) will ask God to remove the bitterness that he seems to have in his heart.—*Indiana*

☐ I just want to congratulate you on your beautiful alive *Herald* covers. The April 15th (Spring Comes To South Carolina) is a joy to look at and it is so refreshing.

I always turn to the church news and in that way I keep abreast of the times. The specials are so good too—so keep it up.—*California*.

☐ We certainly enjoy the *Missionary Herald*. There are always some good articles in it that can be filed away for reference to use in teaching. However, this past issue had the coupon for the Herald Book Club on the back of an article that I wanted to file. Could coupons be inserted so I would not have to cut them up?—*California*

☐ Thanks for your letter. The cost of insertion of a coupon can be quite expensive. The last insert we stitched in cost \$187.00—not counting the printing. We suggest you write out your order on a separate letter and mail it to us.—CWT

# Thanks, Lord, for Not Giving Me a Number

By 278-22-3559

Editor

There is a noticeable weak spot in my constitution caused by my fondness and simple delight for ice cream. Some may contend that the hamburger is the truly American symbol of eating, but I would place ice cream as number one. The point of complete frustration is almost reached for me, however, when I stand before either a Howard Johnsons or Baskin-Robbins' roster of beautifully descriptive names of multi-flavored choices of ice cream. To force oneself to narrow a choice to one or two flavors almost makes a confirmed rainbow ice-cream eater. During my travels I determinedly keep a ready eye open for such establishments that specialize in frozen delights. What a wonderful opportunity to relax and break the boredom of a long journey!

Every Baskin-Robbins' establishment comes complete with a little box and an invitation to take a number. You will be called when it is your turn. One advantage to this system is that it affords time for looking and deciding as to appealing choices. I have found if I must respond too quickly to a long list of flavors, I generally say: "Make mine vanilla, please." My wife says vanilla is a coward's choice, and one who so chooses lacks imagination and a sheer adventuresome spirit. She is probably right.

When I do stand with number in hand and they call out—"Number 10," and the number I hold is 20, my reaction is one of impatience. Being a number is a growing source of irritation to me—sometimes I feel that is all I am. I have a car license number, a driver's license number, a telephone number, a half dozen credit card numbers, a social security number, a savings account number, a checking account number, serial numbers on my keys, a house number, a post office box number, and if you were to ask me for my insurance policy numbers, I would laugh. This is a partial list of the numbers I could give you. I find my identity in a numerical personification. So when I am looking forward to an uncomplicated time of relaxation with some ice cream and someone says, "Take a number," I just plain rebel. After all, why fight it because they are about to say another number—"75 cents, please." This is the final plunge, because I grew up when you could still buy a de-

cent nickel ice cream cone (and that with a good ol' Buffalo nickel).

Our society moves with a relentless thrust toward the depersonalization of us all. I resent it, but I can't stop it. When someone in the business world calls me by my first name, I feel I have a friend. In past days it seemed we all had more time for each other and were not hypnotized with these crazy boxes with the weird colors. Friends were friends, and you could spend some time with them as people—not as numbers. Now we rush around at such a pace that we seek to evaluate our effectiveness according to the number of miles we can traverse in a year.

So the tendency of becoming a number grows and we resent it. Then we ask ourselves if there is no escape. Of course there is, what a foolish question to even ask. For the value of a person is determined by the value placed on life itself. This brings us right back to basics and that is God. God created man and woman as individuals and as eternal souls, in His image. None of God's dealings ever departs from this fact. Salvation, Christian living, prayer—all of these important truths of the Bible are really pertinent because God is a person and He treats us for what we are—persons. He is holy and He is the creator; we are sinful and we are the created, but He works with us on the basis of the value of a human life.

When I go to worship, man counts me and puts me up on the board (Sunday School register) as a number. However, God speaks to me as an individual—and as a person. This gives me a wonderful, warm and personal relationship with my Saviour.

When I pray alone in the quiet of my own devotions, I know it is not just another number prayer. I am a person who will be heard according to the promises in God's Word. One of these days the number of a man will be even more important than it is today. During the Great Tribulation buying and selling will be impossible without the mark of the beast and his number. But the Word of God speaks of your *name* and my *name* as being written in the Lamb's Book of Life as His children. "Thanks, Lord, for giving me a name—not a number."

*Charles W. Turner*

# Involvement In Total Community Evangelism

By Dr. Lester E. Pifer

Glowing reports of growth and rapid development of conservative churches often cause varied responses. Some will rejoice. Others may become discouraged. Still others will search for a "plausible explanation," thus excusing their own lack of effort, minimal involvement or ineffectiveness. At least, it causes all to do a certain amount of introspection, self-examination and reevaluation of priorities.

There are a number of important questions that every pastor or church must face in considering growth:

Did God intend that our ministry be unfruitful? Did not Christ say, "I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it"?

Has the Holy Spirit been grieved, held back by the lack of salvation of souls and additions to His Church?

Are there conditions in our churches that curtail and limit God's blessing in bringing people to Christ and maturity? Could the accusing finger be pointed at the church leadership, membership, or even the pastor?

God has a plan of growth for His Church. He provided salvation in Christ for all mankind. "God so loved the world . . . that whosoever believeth . . . the world through him might be saved" (John 3:16-17). He instituted the church as a body of believers for a depository of the truth, for a place of fellowship and training for believers, for a demonstration and witness to the world (Eph. 3:1-11). He directed His Church to a definitive mission—to take the Gospel to every person in the world and to bring those that respond to a place of maturity (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).

It is important to note that this becomes the major mission of the church. It is equally important to see that the early disciples saw the Great Commission as a personal command to each one to personally evangelize. Christ specifically directed the Church to worldwide evangelism, beginning in Jerusalem, where they were, and working out in ever-widening circles to the ends of the earth.

He sent the Holy Spirit and ordered that He should direct the Church, collectively and individually, in her mission. The Holy Spirit dwelling within the body of believers was to have a definite ministry in the preparation and maturity of the saved, a special ministry to the unsaved, and a directive ministry in leading the Church to carry out her commission.



Seemingly, the Holy Spirit working in individuals would direct the activity of the Body. Thus everybody would be involved. The commission would take them everywhere—to the whole world. Further, it would be full time, sharing the truth of the Gospel with no time limits, no seasons, no special weeks or days—just a continued pattern fashioned after our Lord's life on earth.

God's directives for pastors and Christian leaders carry a heavy responsibility. The Apostle Paul's testimony as borne to young Timothy reflects his recognition of this God-given responsibility (I Tim. 1:11-17). In verse 11 we see his commitment to the Gospel (cf. I Thess. 2:4 "allowed of God to be put in trust with the Gospel"); in verse 12, his commitment to Christ (involved, committed, put into the ministry); in verses 13-15, his confession of salvation; in verse 16, his conviction of purpose; and finally in verse 17, his continuous objective. The Apostle's concern for the lost is dramatically set forth in Romans, chapters 1-3, in his recognition of their condition. His burden and compassion is expressed in Acts 20:26, 31.


Acting under God's direction Paul points young Timothy to some pertinent facts concerning his calling and responsibility (II Tim. 4:1-5). Timothy was to remember the judgment—facing Christ as his judge, v. 1 (cf. II Cor. 5:10); to preach the Word, v. 2; to evaluate his people, vv. 3-4; to be careful about his time and activity, v. 5; and "to do the work of an evangelist, making full proof of your ministry," v. 5. The Holy Spirit, leading Paul, was pointing Timothy to his personal responsibility in sharing the truth.

Since God's church is programmed for such an outreach ministry it therefore follows that its appeal should be people oriented. The goal of each message should be to attract people to its truth. The appeal of each service should have an invitational effect to cause people to want to come to Christ. The concern of the staff, teachers, and helpers should also be people oriented. An all-out effort should be made to get every member involved in some manner of reaching people. The burden of a church's prayer meetings should be concern for people's needs and a passion to see people reached for Christ.

Certainly every church locality should become a ripened mission field. The unsaved people should become our target for the Gospel witness. Trained personnel should be equipped and ready to follow up every invitation. Our people ought to expect and pray for a response following each message, rather than wondering if someone will be saved. Let us be objective, expecting that people will be moved by the Holy Spirit to Christ and His Word.

Our mission field is made up of special groups. Various ethnic groups and races must not be avoided. We are involved in total community evangelism. What are we doing to reach the handicapped, the crippled, the retarded, the deaf, and the blind? Do we make provision for transportation, and equip ourselves to help these come to Christ and enjoy a church home?

The elderly people in retirement homes, county homes, nursing homes often would attend if transportation were provided and somebody cared enough to help. The hospitals, detention homes, rehabilitation centers, jails, and prison farms offer a wonderful opportunity for youth groups, local evangelistic teams and group evangelism.

If our people grasp the vision of what God wants to do through the local church, they will want to get involved. Training and equipment, follow-up literature, and new convert classes are necessary. When the local church gears itself to God's program, God will open doors of opportunity. Our Fellowship, too, will become an exciting area of growth, development and effectiveness in reaching the total community for Christ. 

# TIME Is On Our Side



Serving TIME this summer at home mission points are Grace College students (l to r) Karen Mason, Clayhole, Kentucky; Paula Dawson, Navajo Mission; and Gregg Stamm, Alaska.



Kim Osborne, Grace College junior, will take TIME this summer to fulfill a commitment she made to the Lord to serve in Navajoland.

Gary Belles, Grace College freshman, is on TIME for the Navajo mission this summer.



Looking forward to summer TIME at Dryhill, Kentucky, are high schoolers (l to r) Dave Stroup, Joy Leaf, Connie Whitcomb, Rick Battis, and Mark Maurer, all of Winona Lake Brethren Church.

The enthusiasm of youth will be of profit to the Brethren Home Missions Council this summer as a number of young people dedicate their summer to Christian service. Serving with the TIME program, sponsored by the Christian Education Department, these young people will serve four home mission points.

Grace College students Gary Belles, Paula Dawson, and Kim Osborne will be working at the Brethren Navajo Mission at Counselor, New Mexico. Also from Grace College, Karen Mason will serve at Clayhole, Kentucky, and Gregg Stamm at Kenai, Alaska. A group of five high-schoolers from the Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Indiana, will be on duty at Dryhill, Kentucky.

Gary Belles was born to Christian parents in Yakima, Washington, where they attended the Grace Brethren Church. He is now a Grace College freshman and will major in art. He hopes to work as a commercial artist part time when he attends seminary.

A trip to Hawaii with the 1973 national youth conference champion-

ship quiz team sparked Gary's interest in TIME service. He was accepted on a team for Hawaii this year, but circumstances forced the cancellation of that team. He was then transferred to serve at the Brethren Navajo Mission.

A Grace College sophomore, Paula Dawson is from Clayton, Ohio, where she attends the Grace Brethren Church. Paula has been interested in orphanage work and became aware of the Navajo boarding school. When announcement of the TIME openings appeared on the college bulletin board, she applied for the program.

Christian education or the mission field is where Paula has her sights for the future. She is an elementary education major.

Kim Osborne will be fulfilling a commitment she made to the Lord

while in ninth grade to serve in Navajoland. While attending an SMM rally in Long Beach, California, a slide tape on the mission aroused Kim's interest. Though she found it difficult to give up her summers in earlier years, Kim made the final decision in October of 1974.

The Simi Community Brethren Church of Simi Valley, California, is Kim's home church. A junior at Grace College, Kim's major is music education. She plans to teach in a Christian school.

Karen Mason, from Johnstown, Pennsylvania, will aid the work at the Clayhole, Kentucky, mission station.

Karen's sister Patty spent a summer with TIME at the Clayhole mission four years ago. This inspired Karen's interest in the program.

# New Faces at Brethren Home Missions

Dedication of the new building for the Grace Brethren Church of North Kokomo was held May 18, 1975. Evangelist Bill Smith was the special speaker for the Sunday afternoon service. He followed up the special day with a week of meetings.

The pastor, Richard Bell, arrived on the field last year at the same time as the Brethren Construction Crew. With the structure completed, the crew moved on to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and the pastor remained to continue "building the church."

Watch for a detailed report on the dedication in the July issue of the *Herald*.

With the position of midwife in a hospital as her goal, Karen will transfer to Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, next fall. She has attended Grace College for two years, carrying a nursing major.

Traveling all the way to Kenai, Alaska, to work in our home mission church will be Greg Stamm from Westerville, Ohio.

A TIME veteran, Greg previously served two weeks in both Dryhill and Clayhole, Kentucky. He knew Pastor Ed Jackson of Kenai from their home church, the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus (Worthington), Ohio. Greg responded to Pastor Jackson's invitation to help in the Alaska work.

Greg is a freshman in Grace College with a double major in Greek and Bible. He plans to attend seminary.

Five young people from the Winona Lake Brethren Church will form a team aiding the mission at Dryhill, Kentucky. Joy Leaf, Dave Stroup, and Connie Whitcomb, all 11th graders, and Rick Battis and Mark Maurer, 10th graders, have served on ministry trips to the mission earlier this year. They are eager to return to work in VBS, camps, and youth work.

Timothy Rager, assistant to the managing editor of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*, moved across the street from 1104 to 1401 Kings Highway on April 15, 1975, to become publicity secretary for The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc.

Tim worked part time for B.M.H. during his Grace College training and has worked full time for the past four years. He is a graduate of Grace College and has taken some seminary courses, but he feels most effective in the area of journalism.

Tim was approved for the position at the last annual board meeting. He will be meeting a very urgent need in this area and filling a vacancy created in 1972 when Rev. Sherwood Durkee returned to the pastorate. We welcome Tim to the staff of the B.H.M.C.

Our new publicity secretary is the son of Rev. Don K. Rager, pastor of the Conemaugh Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pennsylvania. Tim has had some connections with Brethren Home Missions in the past. His father was an active layman who was instrumental in starting the Riverside Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

Tim married Miss Sharon Campbell on June 5, 1971, and they are members of the Warsaw Community Grace Brethren Church.



A new voice was heard from Brethren Home Missions headquarters May 1, 1975, as Mrs. "Junie" Scofield took over the switchboard controls. Mrs. Scofield, widow of the late Rev. Edward Scofield, is "back home"—so to speak—since she spent several years living in Winona Lake while her husband was in training for the ministry. At that time she was employed in the Christian Education Department.

Mrs. Scofield is the receptionist and also operates the switchboard. She replaces Mrs. H. Myron Jones who has efficiently served in the position for the past year.

We are not really welcoming Mrs. Scofield into the Home Missions family, for she has been in it by virtue of her husband's pastorate at the home mission church in Bowling Green, Ohio. We are just welcoming her to a new position!





Room for a Layman's Contribution

# Frank Poland

## 25 Years with Brethren Home Missions



By Mr. Timothy Rager

There was never much doubt about his call to the Lord's work—just a little surprise. After all, Frank Poland had only been in the Grace Brethren Church for two years. Now they were asking him to serve in a national office.

Most Christians searching for God's will have been warned that the answer won't appear as a neon sign in the sky. Frank Poland's call to serve with Brethren Home Missions was about as close to that as you can get. One tends to notice when aroused out of a sound sleep late at night by a ringing phone.

Since that phone call in 1949, Frank Poland has been busily concerned with the affairs of The Brethren Home Missions Council. It adds up to a total of 25 years of service at the Council headquarters.

Born May 29, 1912, in Mount Gilead, Ohio, Frank was "born again" in a revival meeting at a United Brethren Church 23 years later. He married Alta Dawson two years later in 1937. Both were from the same general area and graduated from Mount Gilead High School. His contact with and interest in the Brethren Church came through a unique series of events.

While serving with the Gideons in 1945, Frank was asked to represent the organization in an area church. He requested a small church for his first Gideon presentation and was assigned to the Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio. At the time, that group was sponsored by The Brethren Home Missions Council and met in a schoolhouse. There were 45 present for the service he attended. He was impressed by the gospel message of the pastor, Bernard Schneider.

The Polands were satisfied in the Evangelical United Brethren Church under the ministry of Rev. James

Boyer—now Dr. James Boyer, professor at Grace Theological Seminary. However, when Pastor Boyer resigned, their satisfaction diminished under his successors. The pastor that followed remained only one year. When Sunday evening services were discontinued during the summer months, the Polands started looking for somewhere else to worship.

Some two years after Frank's introduction to a small Brethren church, the Polands observed that this church held evening services. There were always a lot of cars around, so they made it a point to see what the attraction was.

The Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield was now a thriving congregation of nearly 100 meeting in a new building. After a period of attending only the evening services, the Polands decided to join the church. "What really impressed us was that this group had more out for prayer meeting than were on the membership list," Frank recalls. Rev. Bernard Schneider was still the pastor.

They were just getting their roots in the church when the phone call came in August of 1949. The board of directors of The Brethren Home Missions Council was meeting in Winona Lake, Indiana, and a decision was passed to hire an assistant to the secretary. Following a late session, Executive Secretary Luther L. Grubb phoned Frank to see if he would be interested in the position. Having forgotten the time difference between the states, Mr. Grubb roused the Polands out of sound sleep at 11 p.m.

"After the call, we got out of bed and onto our knees and prayed about it," Frank notes. "We decided there

Frank J. Poland, administrative coordinator of the Brethren Home Missions Council, reached the milestone of 25 years of service to the organization. An inscribed plaque noted the accomplishment.



was no way to say no to the opportunity if the board approved us."

He made his first trip to Winona Lake that same week to meet with the board and learn about the job. As far as Frank knows, there was no "string pulling" or politicking to get him the job. "We were new in the Brethren Church. I didn't know a single board member and only a few area pastors. It had to be the Lord's leading."

They moved to Winona Lake on November 2 of that year, with their son, Larry, age 10.

Leaving the Texaco Bulk Plant where he had worked for over two years, Frank was in line for a promotion when he accepted the call to home missions.

There were 33 churches receiving support from Brethren Home Missions that year, and two other employees. Rev. Luther L. Grubb was executive secretary, and Miss Cashel Heckman, now Mrs. Cashel Taylor, was his secretary.

Frank remembers the situation when he arrived on the job. "The boss had just left for three weeks in Cali-

fornia, and I had to try to figure out what was going on." Hired as assistant to the secretary, Frank was the first layman to serve on the staff of the Council.

In those early days, Frank feels he made a definite contribution as a layman. "Usually the positions in national offices were filled by pastors. By putting a layman on the staff, it allowed one more pastor to remain on the field, and pastors were scarce in those days."

Of course, he has made other definite contributions over the years. He has seen all the departments of Brethren Home Missions come into existence: Brethren Construction Company, Brethren Architectural Service, and Brethren Investment Foundation. He was directly involved in the organization of the Brethren Investment Foundation with Dr. Grubb, and operated it for its first year of existence in 1955.

Now holding the position of administrative coordinator, Frank oversees the operation of all the departments at headquarters.

Besides his specific contributions to Brethren Home Missions, Frank has been totally involved in the Brethren Church. He has served a total of 30 years as Sunday School superintendent or assistant in four churches. His longest term was 11 years at the Winona Lake Brethren Church from 1950-61.

In the early days of that church, he served as Sunday School superintendent, financial secretary and deacon—all at the same time. He has remained on the deacon board for 25 years.

He has been on the Indiana District Mission Board as one of three laymen since its inception in 1953, and has been secretary for 19 consecutive years.

In April of this year, he delivered the moderator's address to the Indiana District Conference, the first layman to hold that office.

As a layman serving the Lord in vocational Christian service, Frank Poland has given The Brethren Home Missions Council and the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches 25 years of dedicated, efficient service. ☪

Brethren Home Missions employees with 10 or more years of service received plaques from Rev. Richard DeArmy (right), president of the board. Honored were (l to r) Miss Louise Blankenship, Mrs. William Figert, Mr. Frank J. Poland, Rev. Ralph C. Hall, and Dr. Lester E. Pifer. Mrs. Donald Ogden was not present for the picture. The inscription reads: "Service award to \_\_\_\_\_ for many faithful years. Brethren Home Missions Council. Holding forth the Word of life."



## Six Employees Serve a Total of 112 Years

A first in Brethren Home Missions was observed with an awards banquet March 11, 1975, for the employees of the Council. Rev. Richard DeArmy of Orange, California, president of the board of directors, presented plaques to employees with 10 or more years of service.

Those qualifying for awards were: Frank J. Poland, 25 years; Miss Louise Blankenship, 22 years; Dr. Lester E. Pifer, 21 years; Mrs. Bill (Florence) Figert, 18 years; Rev. Ralph C. Hall, 15 years; and Mrs. Don (Wanita) Ogden, 11 years.

The banquet was held at the Winona Hotel in conjunction with the annual board meeting of the Brethren Home Missions Council. Every director and all the employees except one were present.

Those assisting in the presentation included: Rev. John W. Mayes, vice president; and Dr. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary. Rev. Robert W. Thompson, western field director, was the official photographer. ☪



Tucson's Kitt Peak observatory claims the world's largest telescope.



By Dr. Lester E. Pifer

In the shadow of the Santa Catalina Mountains, which tower to 9,185 feet above Mount Lennox, we find the teeming metropolis of Tucson, Arizona. Perched on the edge of the Sonora Desert but influenced by the high mountains to the east, Tucson enjoys a unique climate with outstanding features such as sunshine, pleasantly warm winters, hot summers, and low annual rainfall. Tucsonians enjoy more days of sunshine than any other major city of the United States.

The Arizona desert takes hold of a man's mind and shakes it. One is struck by the barrenness and starkness of the area. However, it is amazing to examine more closely the intricate beauties of the various kinds of cacti, the wild flowers, the ornate rocks and the world of wild animals and reptiles.

This city has a lot going for it. Aside from its natural beauties, it has many parks, modern shopping malls, scenic historic sites, art galleries, and a sprawling air force base. Located nearby on Kitt Peak is one of the most fascinating astronomical centers in the world. It houses the world's largest observation telescope. To give you an idea of the size of this immense telescope, more than two-thirds of its barrel is buried beneath the mountain top.

Tucson's unique population, now near the 270,000 mark, is largely influenced by the western Spanish culture and by the vast numbers of eastern retirees who have migrated to this delightful, dry climate.

Beckoning with interest to more than 350,000 annual visitors are such historic sites as the famed San Xavier Mission, known as the "White Dove of the Desert"; "Ole Tucson" Studio where many of the famed westerns were filmed; and the beautiful Desert Museum, one of the finest in our nation.

The city's populace offers a large variety of interesting people. Walking down the street one may be met by the Spanish, the Pima Indian, or the Anglo, but all are dressed in impressive, casual western wear. Indian silver and turquoise jewelry is worn in various amounts by most of the inhabitants. The University of Arizona, Pima University and the Davis Monthan Air Force Base contribute a strong element of youth. Surrounded by many dude ranches, convention centers, and massive hotels, Tucson offers much to vacationers.



There isn't much in the way of lawn mower sales around Tucson. Most of the lawns are gravel!

# Come Grow With Us!

*An invitation from Tucson, Arizona*



Our own Grace Brethren Church located on Silverbell Road, on what was once the western perimeter, is now being encompassed by newer housing. A beautiful new park has been located across the street. With their ever expanding facilities St. Mary's Hospital and Pima University are within a mile of the church. The western mountain foothills are already plotted in elevated choice home sites, offering an increasing mission field. Tucson's growing population and expanding borders are pointing to a growing need for more Brethren churches.



The Sonora Desert crawls right up to the door of the Silverbell Grace Brethren Church.



This intricately designed cactus is one of the many varieties of the desert.



Recent signs of growth indicate the new enthusiasm of the Silverbell congregation.



The historic San Xavier Mission nearby is known as the "White Dove of the Desert."

The conservative message of the Silverbell Grace Brethren Church reaches a responsive chord in the hearts of retired people who have come from liberal churches in the East. University students, armed service personnel, and other youth are responding to the Gospel. Like any large metropolitan area, too many are on vacation 365 days a year and the progress of our church has been slow. However, my recent visit for a week-long Bible conference revealed that hearts are being changed, souls are being saved, people are getting involved, and our work is growing. Pastor Ken Curtis has an excited, eager congregation

that is responding more and more with a concern toward outreach. There is a fine group of young people who are in preparation for full-time service.

The congregation is now on schedule to reach a self-supporting goal in 1976. It will take more people, more income, more leaders and much prayer to reach this goal. Your investment in home mission gifts, prayer support and interest will help. And if you would like a good place for a sunny vacation or a pleasant, ideal atmosphere for retirement—why not Tucson? You, too, can be involved and give a helping hand.

# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

**Stoystown, Pa.** A Church Mortgage Burning Service was held at the Reading Brethren Church in Stoystown, Pa., on Sunday afternoon, Apr. 13. The special speaker for this service was Pastor Don Rager of the Conemaugh Brethren Church in Conemaugh, Pa. Pastor John Burns of Alexandria, Va., presented the special music. Pastor Burns helped to organize the work at Reading while he was pastoring the Listie Brethren Church in the mid-1950s.

Messrs. Carl Rice and Dean Metzgar, members of the local congregation, also participated in the service.

The Reading church was dedicated on Sept. 25, 1966. The payment on the church building was completed in June of last year. The congregation praises the Lord for this accomplishment. Larry R. Weigle, pastor.

**Western Pennsylvania.** District Conference was held Saturday, May 17, at Singer Hill Grace Brethren Church. Dr. John Davis brought some very exciting messages on "Mountaintop Experiences."

Officers elected for the coming year: Mod.—William Snell; Mod.-Elect (1977 Mod.)—Don Rager; Secy.—Marvin Lowery; Asst. Secy.—David Plaster; Treas.—Wesley Haller; Stat.—Rose Snyder.

**Important.**—The name of our district was changed by action of the delegates to The Western Pennsylvania District Fellowship of Brethren Churches (nicknamed "West Penn"). This past year two editions were published of a new district newspaper—named "The East District Mountain Ear" (name suggested by Lloyd Davis, Pike Grace Brethren Church member. He won the contest over 12 other entries and will be receiving a gift certificate from the Herald Co.). This paper will now be known as "The Western Pennsylvania Mountain Ear," edited and published by Wesley Haller.

**Denver, Colo.** Extension Bible classes are being sponsored each week in Southglenn, and at Colorado State University, Fort Collins. On May 16 and 17, Russ and Betty Ogden hosted 25 CSU students in their home for a weekend Bible seminar.

This year's Christmas tree was planted in the church yard as the "Mensinger Tree," to remind members to support and pray for missionaries, Ed, Linda and Susie Mensinger.

Arvada joined Denver in a mother-daughter "Country Fair" May 2. Seventy-one mothers and daughters enjoyed the fair. Mrs. John Aeby (Joan) was the "Purple Ribbon Orator."

**Winona Lake, Ind.** Evangelist Bill Smith reports a great crusade meeting at Covington, Ohio, May 4-9. There were 24 public decisions for Christ. Gerald Root, pastor.

**Notice.** The Brethren Missionary Herald Co. will not be able to furnish tapes of this year's national conference messages. Production problems and other complications have been encountered, and we regret not being able to make tapes available. We trust that conference delegates will understand and appreciate this early notification. Plan to bring tape recorders to record the music and messages of your choice.



In recognition of his 25 years of service with the Brethren Home Missions Council, Frank Poland (right) receives congratulations from Rev. Richard DeArmey (center), president of the board, and a plaque from Dr. Lester E. Pifer (left), executive secretary. (See page 8)

## Wedding Bells

A six month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to those whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Betty Grady and Kyle Bergen, Dec. 27, 1974, Grace Brethren Church, Waterloo, Iowa. Rev. Thomas Miller, brother-in-law of the bride, performed the ceremony, assisted by Pastor John Burke.

Judy Harris and Larry Bryson, May 15, Grace Brethren Church, Richmond, Va. Pastor Ron Thompson performed the ceremony, which was the first wedding in the church building.

Jan McLamb and Stephen Miller, Apr. 26, Grace Brethren Church, Maitland, Fla. Pastor R. Paul Miller, father of the groom, performed the ceremony.

Sandra Sarver and Darrel Hawbaker, May 24, Grace Brethren Church, Hastings, Mich. Pastor Russell Sarver, father of the bride, performed the ceremony. He was assisted by Rev. A. Rollin Sandy, pastor of the Sidney (Indiana) Grace Brethren Church.

Deborah Wardell and William Lorenz, Apr. 12, Los Altos Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif. Pastors Donald Shoemaker and Donald Foreman officiated at the ceremony.

Sorry for the error in the May 15, 1975, issue. Mr. and Mrs. Steve Farris were married by Pastor Edwin E. Cashman at the Norwalk Brethren Church, Norwalk, Calif.



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### The Harvest of Evil Is On

Over a period of four decades, perhaps more, we have been seeing an increasing harvest of evil in the younger generation. It has now mounted to such enormous proportions that even the Congress of the United States is becoming alarmed—and well they might. School vandalism, vice, violence, and viciousness now calls for some sort of legislation to arrest the wave of crime. Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana, chairman of the senate subcommittee on juvenile delinquency, made a preliminary report to the public in which he cited the increased crime statistics in American schools. He pointed out that the honor rolls are shrinking because the casualty lists are growing. The number of students who died in the combat zones of our nation's schools between 1970 and 1973 exceeds the number of American soldiers killed in combat throughout the first three years of the Vietnam conflict.

Three thousand years ago a wise man passed judgment on the importance of education. He said, "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it" (Prov. 22:6). This principle has not been improved upon in all the centuries of educational development since. The reason lies in the fact that it strikes at the very heart of an unchanging characteristic of human nature. It is this, namely, that the gradual molding of plastic minds and hearts finally reaches a point of fixation from which there will be no deviation. In the area of education, ideas have consequences. These can be for good, or they can be for bad. The consequences will be for good if the ideas that are planted are good. They can be for bad if the ideas that are planted are bad. As of this date, the entire population of the land is being alerted to consequences that are bad.

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt

Approximately 70,000 teachers suffer physical assault annually. This includes homicide, stabbings, buffeting, and rape in the presence of school children. Students are running narcotic, firearms, prostitution, and extortion rings. Vandalism has reached the staggering sum of \$500,000,000 per year, with the average school district placed at an annual expense of \$60,000. One hundred homicides were committed in 1973, an increase of 19 percent between 1970 and 1973. Assaults on teachers went up 77 percent, and on students it climbed 85 percent, while rapes or attempted rapes increased by 40 percent. The staggering increase in crime of the baser type came in the age bracket under 18 years of age.

The resulting atmosphere in the schools across the land is one of fear, destruction and chaos. In place of the primary purpose of the school, namely, that of education, students are confronted with the necessity of centering attention on preservation. Dominated by fear and the need for self-preservation students can no longer give attention to achieving in the area of learning. This will explain why parents across the land are gradually becoming aroused against the school system. Already publicity has been given to resistance on the part of parents in West Virginia, Indiana, and California.

# The

# Importance Of

# Education

### What Is the Cause and Cure?

Even though the senate subcommittee will conduct a wide range of hearings on the cause of this situation, and what may be done to correct it, it is a fair conclusion that the multitude of words that darken the air will skirt the real issue. It will follow the pattern of other such investigations of crime and no real values will grow out of the time and expense spent. The congress is committed to avoid any reference to God or His Book, or the holiness taught in that Book. How, then, is it possible for any real good to come out of this investigation?

Christian people need to be alerted to the fact that more than a century ago, an educator, politician, and a Unitarian sold the Congress of the United States and the Christian public a bill of goods on public education. He convinced that generation that by means of education it would be possible to produce moral reformation in every youngster, so that at last the saloons would close, the houses of prostitution would fail, the jails would be emptied. If he could only view the situation today. The tragedy is that the Church turned the education of its youth over to the public school. The years went by and the philosophy of the school changed. God was eliminated from the vocabulary, prayer was heard no more, and the Bible became a closed book. And along with this, the morality changed. Television has supplemented the pagan philosophy of the school, providing object lessons in vice, crime and vandalism. With deliberate, programmed effect, the children have been fashioned into criminals, and now we wonder why.

### What Does This Mean to Christians?

This harvest of woe in the children of our land ought to zero in on every Christian parent. It ought to bring a realization of the need for Christian day schools and Christian high schools. Are not children worth more than luxuries and physical comforts? They will exist forever, either in a condition of life or in a condition of death. If they are nurtured up in an atmosphere of Christian faith, there is a real possibility of coming to Christ and living lives of usefulness to men and glory to God. If they are brought up in the atmosphere of that which is false, there is the awful possibility of being shut out from life in Christ, the result of which can be lives of misery here and hereafter.

Mothers and fathers across this land who have some conception of the value of a Christian college are sending their children to such schools. We get many such young people. They belong to local churches and they have attended public schools. We are increasingly conscious of the toll that has already been taken in these young people. They have already been far more influenced by the public school than by their church or Christian home. Great barriers must be overcome in order to indoctrinate them and refashion them over the pattern of the Christian faith. All this means that Grace College begins its task at a disadvantage.

If it is worthwhile to place Christian young people in the atmosphere of a Christian college, and it is, then why is it not worthwhile to begin the work of Christian education in the more formative years of 5 through 18? To begin there will not only increase the possibility of producing a high type of Christian manhood and womanhood, it will also enable the Christian college to bring young men and women to a higher degree of efficiency and usefulness for the Lord.

### Leadership and Philosophy Go Together

Surely the parent is aware of the fact that teachers make tremendous impact on pupils. The importance of this fact is accentuated when it is realized that the teacher is the one who inculcates the philosophy. How important it is therefore that in the formative years the teachers be those who are Christians and who convey in teaching, demeanor, and pattern of life that which is thoroughly Christian. This is the conviction held by Grace Schools, and upon the basis of this conviction, Grace Schools has not only been operating its own program over this pattern, but it has dedicated itself to the training of Christian day school personnel for promotion of Christian schools throughout the land.



# Did Christ Die Only for the Elect?

Editor's Note: This article is of a technical theological nature. Its content deals with a subject that is receiving a great deal of current discussion and has widespread implications. We carry it as a service to our readers. Reprints will soon be available in booklet form.—CWT

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Did Christ die for the pharaoh whose heart God hardened (Rom. 9:17-18) and who had already been in torment for almost a millennium and a half? Did Christ die for Stalin and for Hitler? Can you with real conviction tell a sinner that Christ died for *him*?

In a recent article in *Christianity Today* (March 28, 1975), James Montgomery Boice suggests that the evangelical world is seeing the beginning of a great resurgence of the Reformed Faith or of "Calvinistic" doctrine as it is commonly called. Inasmuch as this involves a renewed emphasis upon the sovereign activity of God on behalf of His fallen creatures, along with an appropriate de-emphasis upon the search for "feelings," "emotions," and "experiences," Bible believers may rejoice over this trend. However, there is at least one dangerous aspect in this trend. Anyone who works with young Bible students does not need to be told that the questions above are again being asked with increasing frequency and that in increasing numbers the answers are being given in the negative. Though I am convinced that those answers are wrong, it should be noted at the outset that many outstanding Bible scholars, both in the past and in the present, have also given negative answers which, *within the framework of their own definitions*, should not be viewed as inherently heretical. They are simply the result of a failure to look at the *complete* picture of election and atonement as painted in the Scriptures.

On the other hand, many of us who would answer the above questions in the affirmative have also only examined a part of the picture. We often have not thought carefully about such questions as: "If Christ paid for Hitler's sin, why must Hitler himself pay?" and, "Did not Christ know who

would be saved and consequently for whom He was dying?" Unfortunately, because answers to such questions are not readily offered, questioning young people have often concluded that the affirmative answers are thereby invalidated. If this were the end of the issue, the resulting convictions, though seriously inadequate, would not be necessarily *disastrous*, for those with such convictions do still believe in the necessity of preaching the Gospel, prayer, and so forth. What is often disastrous about these convictions which might be termed "hyper-Calvinistic," is their unfortunate association with a hyper-critical and "super-spiritual" attitude. Because others (pastors, teachers, elders) "don't even understand the questions," they themselves and those with like convictions are the only ones recognized as having real Biblical understanding. It is a sad fact that these convictions are not often based on careful Bible study but only result from rationalistic attempts to answer such questions as those cited in the opening paragraph.

Do the Scriptures provide an adequate answer to these questions? It is my conviction that they do provide an answer which is therefore not only revelational but also logical.

## "CALVINISM"

Before examining the Biblical teaching on these issues, in view of the present resurgence in "Calvinism," it should be helpful to review briefly this system of theological thought. This system is best remembered by the acronym TULIP.

1. Total Depravity
2. Unconditional Election
3. Limited Atonement
4. Irresistible Grace
5. Perseverance of the Saints

By *total depravity* it is meant that since the fall, man is a sinful creature who is unable in and of himself to do anything to earn forgiveness and a righteous standing before God.

By *unconditional election* it is

meant that God's election is based on His own gracious and sovereign choice and not contingent upon any foreseen faith or merit in the individuals elected.

By *limited atonement* it is meant that the divine decision to provide Jesus as the Saviour was made on behalf of the elect only. The cross-work of Christ was not intended as a universal provision for all sinners; rather He died to save those He had elected. (This contention will be refuted in what follows.)

By *irresistible grace* it is meant that there is a specific work of God the Holy Spirit by which He "calls" (commonly called an "efficacious call") the elect to Himself. It is not meant that this work is never resisted; rather that it always results in man's response in saving faith.

By the *perseverance of the saints* it is meant that all those who are truly regenerated ("saved") are by divine power kept saved and ultimately glorified (i.e., "eternal security").

In common parlance anyone who holds two or more of these points may be called "Calvinistic." Certainly *all* who call themselves "Calvinistic" would affirm their acceptance of points one and five and *most* readily agree with point two as it is defined above. Many "Calvinists," however, object to the term "irresistible grace" (point four) though quite often they accept the same doctrine under what is considered as less offensive terminology, such as "efficacious grace," or by referring to an "efficacious call." The differences between those who would classify themselves as "two point Calvinists" and those who would classify themselves as "four point Calvinists" are sometimes minor and primarily semantic in nature.

The real debate today concerns the third point, *limited atonement*. Again it is apparent that much of this debate depends upon one's definitions. For example, everyone will grant that in at least some senses the atonement



should be viewed as "limited." It is obviously limited in *effect* in that not everyone will be saved as a result of it. For the same reason, it must be granted that it was limited in *purpose* (unless one is prepared to say that it failed to accomplish its divinely intended purpose). It was not *intended* to accomplish the salvation of all men. The real question is, "What was it intended to accomplish?" Was it divinely planned only on behalf of the elect as the means by which God "infallibly secured their salvation" (Spurgeon)? Or was it intended as a provision on behalf of *all* men, in anticipation of which, God, in righteousness, could choose some to whom He would ultimately apply the benefits of that provision? Great scholars such as B. B. Warfield have often cavalierly dismissed the latter alternative by the assertion that since some aspects of the divine activity with regard to the plan of salvation are particularistic (election, irresistible grace or efficacious call), then *all* aspects of the plan must be viewed as particularistic and not universal. This is specious reasoning based solely upon a rationalistic (dogmatic) approach. It is hereby affirmed that we do not have the right to approach this as merely a semantic or rationalistic issue. Since the Bible speaks explicitly to this point it is a *revelational* issue.

### EVIDENCES FOR AN UNLIMITED ATONEMENT

It is true that the Bible says that Christ gave His life a ransom "for many" (Matt. 20:28), "for the sheep" (John 10:11), and for "the church" (Acts 20:28, Eph. 5:25). It should be noted, in passing, that here is a link between five point Calvinism and so-called "covenant" or anti-dispensational theology. No one believes that Christ died for saints of this age alone, so in order to view the word "church" in such verses as Ephesians 5:25 as equivalent to "the elect of all ages" one is led to a denial of dispensational teaching. But these statements do not *deny* that He died for others also, and in fact are no more exclusive than are the statements, "Christ died for me," and "This is my country."

It is also true that some passages use the words "world" and "all" in contexts which limit their meaning. The statement in Revelation 13:8 that

"all that dwell on the earth shall worship" the beast, clearly has the "all" limited by the context so that it does not include believers who refuse the mark of the beast. Likewise, the word "world" is limited by its context in such passages as John 14:22, and Romans 1:8. The word "world" may refer to the unsaved, or non-elect, as in 1 John 4:5, but it never refers to the elect only! John 1:29 states that Jesus would *bear* the sin of the world (not, that He would take it away), and this is the very point being affirmed in this study. Those who make "world" in such passages as John 1:20 and 3:16 mean "elect" of "world of the elect," must pervert the plain sense of these and many other passages.

At least ten important aspects of Biblical teaching oppose the concept of a limited atonement.

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#### 1. A Universal Redemption

It is true that the word redemption is sometimes used as a synonym for salvation. But several of the Greek words used for expressing the idea of redemption refer only to the concept of "paying a price" (the normal words for purchasing or buying.) At least two Biblical passages speak of Christ "paying a price" for *more* than just the elect. Second Peter 2:1 speaks of false teachers who deny the Master "who *bought* them." He "paid the price" for even these false teachers who were definitely lost and bound for hell (vv. 20-23).

First Timothy 2:6 explicitly states that Christ gave Himself as "ransom," or "redemption," or "payment price," "on behalf of *all*." In fact, Paul avers that he was appointed as an apostle and herald to teach this very truth to the nations (v. 7). One young pastor recently told me that a study of this verse alone had led him to reject his former belief in a limited atonement.

#### 2. A Universal Propitiation

The word propitiation suggests a *satisfaction* or an appeasement, and

1 John 2:2 pointedly states that Christ provided such a "satisfactory payment," such an "appeasing sacrifice," or "propitiation," not just with regard to believers alone but with regard to "the whole world." Any attempt to limit the term "whole world" to the elect in this context is based solely upon dogmatic presuppositions, requires a perversion of the obvious sense of the passage, and results in nonsense.

#### 3. A Universal Reconciliation

Again, the word reconciliation is a word which can be used in several senses. In one sense all will ultimately be reconciled to God (Col. 1:20). In this sense even Satan and hell will be reconciled to God in that they will be properly limited, judged, and recognized as being treated in conformity

with God's holy nature and will. In another sense, to be reconciled equals to be saved (Col. 1:21). In yet another sense it may be used to describe the changed relationship between man and God due to the propitiation provided by the cross-work of Christ. All men were reconciled in the sense that all were made savable by the cross-work of Christ: Second Corinthians 5:19 says that "God was in Christ reconciling *the world* to Himself." One major result is that in view of this cross-work (and in anticipation of it in Old Testament times) God grants to sinners the "common grace" of life itself and does not call them at the time of their sins to a full reckoning or payment for those sins ("not reckoning to them their trespasses"). In this sense, even those who hold to a "limited atonement" grant that the unsaved were benefited by the death of Christ.

#### 4. A Universal Provision

All that will be necessary here is to cite five selected statements of Scripture:

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He

by the grace of God should *taste death for every man* (Heb. 2:9).

I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone should eat of this bread he will live forever. Indeed, the bread which I will give on behalf of the life of the world is my flesh (John 6:51).

For this cause we labor and struggle, because we have set our hope upon the living God, who is the Saviour of *all men*, especially of believers (1 Tim. 4:10).

For the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to *all men* (Titus 2:11).

We all, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned, everyone to his own way, and the Lord has laid on Him the *iniquity of us all* (Isa. 53:6).

#### 5. A Universal Offer

Those who argue for a limited atonement often point out that some of the “whosoever” in our English Bible do not really have that meaning in the original language. John 3:16 is the most frequently cited example. It is argued that “everyone believing” or “everyone who believes” (literal translation) is vastly different from the common “whosoever.” It is granted that a distinction can be observed between “whosoever believeth,” and “the one believing,” but John 3:16 uses the universalistic “every” (or “all who”) with the subjunctive following (“might have”) with an obviously conditional sense which is equivalent to “whosoever.”

*No matter how strongly the Bible may emphasize the doctrine of election, it never does so in a way that de-emphasizes human responsibility.*

For God so loved *the world* (His decision was made on behalf of *the world*) that He gave His Unique Son, in order that *every-one believing* in Him should not perish but might have eternal life.

Regardless of how one interprets John 3:16, there are *many* passages which use the most explicit terminolo-

gy in extending a universal offer of salvation. It would be difficult to invent language more expressive of a universal offer or more emphatically emphasizing the personal responsibility of the individual to respond in faith to the divine work. The four following verses were chosen, because they each use different constructions in the original Greek in expressing the universal offer. They are only representative of many other similar statements.

And the Spirit and the Bride say, “Come!” And the one hearing, let him say, “Come!” And the one thirsting let him come. The one desiring, let him take of the water of life freely (Rev. 22:17).

Therefore *whosoever* will humble himself as this little child, this one is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 18:4).

Now in the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out saying, “If *any one* thirsts, *let him come* to me and drink. *The one believing in me*, as the Scripture said, rivers of living water shall flow out from his innermost being” (John 7:37-38).

*Whoever* should confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him and he in God (1 John 4:15).

#### 6. A Universal Love

The Scriptures affirm that God sent His Son because of His love *for the world*, not just because of His love for the elect. Some object that God

as the former *must* include him. Our confusion results from a misunderstanding of the Biblical concepts of love and hate. Even we are expected to “hate” father, mother, wife, and others, whom we are also expected to “love” (Luke 14:26, Eph. 5:25). It is true that God has a special love for His own which He does not have for the world (Deut. 7:7, Rev. 3:19). This special love involves the aspects of appreciation, relationship, fellowship, communion (Greek *phileō*). But several passages indicate that God also has a love which includes even the nonelect (Greek *agapōō*). This love involves the desire for the good of its objects as well as the willingness to act on their behalf. John 3:16 pointedly speaks of this love and affirms that it was because of this love *for the world* that God gave His Unique Son. The two occasions on which our Lord lamented over Jerusalem are also clear indications of God’s love for even those who reject Him (Luke 13:34, 19:41). It is explicitly stated that Jesus *loved* the rich young ruler who went away rejecting His Word (Mark 10:21-27).

#### 7. The Day of Atonement

The Old Testament institution of the Day of Atonement was a divinely purposed illustration of God’s atoning work. In Leviticus 16 we are told that the sacrifices on that day were to make atonement “for *all* the congregation of Israel” (v. 17), with regard to “*all* their iniquities” (v. 22). Yet we are also told that “If there is any person who will not humble himself on that day, he shall be cut off” (23:29). This teaches a universal *provision*, with a particular appropriation or application.

#### 8. A General Call

Theologians use the term “general call” to describe not only the offer of the Gospel to all, but also to include the general convicting work of the Holy Spirit which may be associated with the gospel offer. Yet it is possible for an unbeliever to resist such a working by the Holy Spirit. Stephen told his unbelieving and murderous audience, “Ye do always resist the Holy Spirit, as your fathers did, so do ye” (Acts 7:51). David also spoke of the danger of hardening the heart to the voice of God (Ps. 95:7-8, Heb. 4:7).

did not love Esau and therefore does *not* love the non-elect (Rom. 9:13). But though God hated Esau, He also loved him! Martin Luther once wisely remarked that he was glad that John 3:16 says, “God so loved *the world*,” rather than “God so loved Martin Luther,” for he feared he might discover that the latter referred to someone else named Martin Luther, where-

The point being made is that the Holy Spirit does a work even with some who do not respond. Since this is so, it may be argued that the Son also did a work on behalf of some who will not respond in accepting His provision.

### 9. How God Saves

In objection to the hyper-Calvinistic assertion that the death of Christ actually and infallibly accomplished the salvation of all the elect, it has been rightly objected that the cross is not the only saving instrumentality. By this it is meant that men are not saved by the cross-work alone. The cross, in itself, saved no one—though apart from it there could be no salvation. Men are actually saved by the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit in *applying the benefits* of the cross-work of Christ. God's decision to provide the cross was not made in order to save those He had already chosen. *According to the Scriptures* His decision to provide the cross was made on behalf of the *world* (John 3:16, and so forth) as the basis upon which He could elect some and subsequently bring them to a saving knowledge of Himself. The cross was not intended to save certain individuals, rather it was intended to make all men savable.

*One who rejects the eternal life provided for us in Christ has made God a liar.*

### 10. God Is Not a Liar

The offer of the Gospel to “whosoever will” is a *bona fide* offer. We know that men are depraved and that no one chooses the Gospel unless the Holy Spirit is at work in his heart. Yet the Bible lays great stress upon the human responsibility in responding to the work of the Spirit. The commands, “Repent,” “Believe,” “Receive,” “Accept,” and “Be reconciled,” all illustrate this commonly recognized responsibility. No matter how strongly the Bible may emphasize the doctrine of election, it never does so in a way that de-emphasizes human responsibility. After the very strongly worded passage on election found in Romans 9 we find these words: (Please read each phrase carefully!)

But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in your mouth and in your heart. This is the word of faith which we preach: That if thou shouldest confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shouldest believe in thine heart that God raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses unto salvation. For the Scripture says, “No one who believes on Him will be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord of all is rich unto all those who call upon Him, *for whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved* (Rom. 10:8-13).

To say that men go to hell because Jesus did not die for them is to make God a liar. How else would a rejector be making God a liar? The Apostle John pointed this out clearly.

If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater—because this is the witness of God—because He *has* borne witness concerning His Son. The one believing in the Son of God has the witness in him. The one

not believing God has made Him a liar because he has not believed in the witness which God has witnessed concerning His Son. *And this is the witness, that God gave to us eternal life—and this life is in His Son . . .* (I John 4:9-11).

One who rejects the eternal life provided for us in Christ has made God a liar. According to God's Word he has refused to believe the truth. Yet those who teach a limited atonement would have us believe that one who goes to hell goes there because he *does* believe the truth—namely the “truth” that Jesus did *not* die for him!

## OBJECTIONS TO AN UNLIMITED ATONEMENT

Rationalistic objections naturally arise in opposition to the Scriptural facts just reviewed.

### 1. Two payments Required?

The objection is often raised: If Christ died for all men, then why must, or how can, men be required to pay for their own sins in hell? Dr. Alva J. McClain's answer to this question involved the term “forensic equivalence.” This means that Christ bore the sins “of the world” (John 1:29)—“He bore our sins in His own body on the tree” (I Peter 2:24)—in the sense that He paid an adequate penalty, made an adequate provision for us all. We are not to view this as involving an individual and separable penalty for each sin of each individual. Due to the infinite value of His Person, He bore a penalty which was more than equal to the penalty that could be paid by all humans throughout all eternity. Exact equivalence of punishment was unnecessary and impossible. The infinite God paid a greater price in those moments on the cross than all men could ever pay. He did not pay *the* payment which we would otherwise be required to pay. He made a *greater* payment which may be applied to our account *instead* of the penalty that we would have to pay.

Though an adequate payment was made on behalf of *all*, the payment is not credited to our account until we respond in faith to the Spirit's work in our hearts in calling us to Himself.

### 2. God Knew Who Would Be Saved

Before He left heaven did not Christ know who was already in hell? Did He not know that Hitler would reject His Gospel? Did He not know whose names were written in His own Book of Life (Rev. 13:8)? Obviously, the answer to all these questions is, “Yes.” When Christ came to this earth He knew who would be saved as a result of His cross-work, so from this limited viewpoint one could say that He knew who would be benefited by His sacrifice and therefore came to accomplish this work on their behalf. In this sense anyone could say that he believes in a “limited atonement,” and no doubt some have identified themselves with the doctrine being refuted



simply because of this very limited outlook.

When viewed from such a *historical* viewpoint the atonement was obviously "limited" in the sense indicated above. But the Bible does not present a mere historical viewpoint. It presents to man the gospel of salvation in its eternal and divine perspective. In order to view this issue in its proper Biblical perspective it is essential to compare briefly two major views that Christians have held with regard to the order and relationship of the divine decisions. Those who hold to a limited atonement have commonly viewed the divine decisions as logically related in the following order:

1. The decision to create
2. The decision to allow the fall
3. The election of certain individuals
4. The decision to provide Jesus as Saviour
5. The decision to send the Holy Spirit to accomplish salvation in regeneration

Obviously, in this view of the divine plan of salvation, the decision to provide Jesus as Saviour was made on behalf of the elect. This order, therefore, bluntly contradicts the Biblical statements affirming that God's decision to provide Jesus was made on behalf of the world (John 3:16, and others). Consequently, a more Biblical ap-

proach is to view the divine decisions as logically related as follows:

1. The decision to create
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3. The decision to provide Jesus as Saviour
4. The election of certain individuals
5. The decision to send the Holy Spirit to accomplish salvation in regeneration.

This view is *Biblical* for the following reasons: (1) It agrees with the Scriptural statements affirming that the divine decision to provide Jesus as Saviour was made because of His love for the world, not because of His love for the elect. (2) It agrees with the Scriptural statements affirming a universal redemption, provision, offer, and so forth.


This view is also *logical* in that it conceives of God as having considered the possibility of salvation before He determines who is to be saved. To the present writer, at least, it requires a certain amount of irrationality to believe that God elected those persons to whom He would apply a salvation which He had not as yet contemplated.

From the purely human and historical viewpoint it would be easy for one to conclude that Christ died for those who had been elected before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4) and whose names had already been inscribed in the Lamb's Book of Life

(Rev. 17:8). But God's ways are not our ways. His thoughts are as high above our thoughts as the heavens are above the earth (Isa. 55:8-9). But the great and glorious truth is that He has chosen to reveal Himself to us—in His Word and in His Son!

## CONCLUSION

To present the question in the form, "For whom did Christ die?" is to present it in an inadequate and potentially misleading form. The real issue is faced when the question is worded, "On whose behalf was the *decision* to provide Christ as Saviour made?" It should be clear that at any point in history Christ knew who the elect were and consequently knew who would be saved as a result of His cross-work. *But*, in "eternity past," from the standpoint of the divine decrees as revealed in the Scriptures, the divine decision to provide Jesus as Saviour was made *on behalf of the world*. This universal provision is the basis for a universal offer and invitation to salvation (Rev. 22:17).

The great and glorious gospel of God is *not*, "Perhaps you have been elected." Nor is it, "Perhaps Christ died for you." It is best stated as it was on the birthday of the Church: "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 12:21). 

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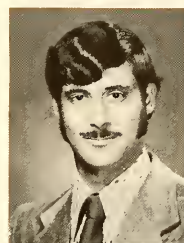


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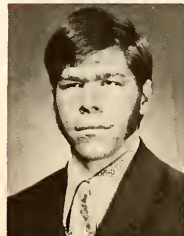


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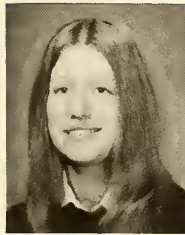


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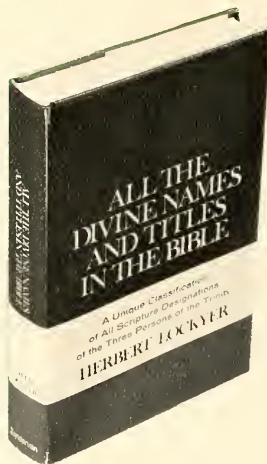
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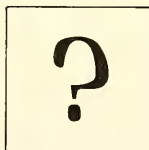
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## Dear Editor

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□ "The pastor must first seek the mind of Christ in relation to his calling to a church. If so led, he should accept. Then, and only then, should he talk about salary if he is truly a Hebrews 11 type man of God" ("The Role and Qualifications of a Pastor," May 15, 1975, *BMH* issue).

Good grief!!! Anyone involved in day-by-day business knows that you read a contract before signing it! If a pastor is to love his home (as this article well points out) he has the responsibility to provide for his own household (1 Tim. 5:8). Once a pastor and a church decide to enter a "full-time" arrangement both must realize that the salary will now be the pastor's lone source of support in most cases. And unless we are going to violate the Biblical idea of vocation and set up an unscriptural "clergy caste," it is wrong for us to expect the pastor to live economically any different than others in the church. Should not the pastor be like the wise builder Jesus mentioned who sits down ahead of time and determines whether he can really afford to make certain plans for the future?

The Apostle Paul's idea of financial sacrifice was that he would empty himself gainfully in "secular" work rather than be paid by the churches. He expected, however, that men with families would not have the financial flexibility he had (1 Cor. 7:32-33; 9:1-18).

Single men, men who are independently wealthy, or men who, like the giant, have a goose that lays golden eggs, may be able to afford the luxury of entering a job with no look at the financial side. Few pastors are in the first two categories, and unfortunately the goose is as mythological as the idea of a pastor frying faith three times a day!—*California*



By Charles W. Turner  
Editor

Time has been said to be a relative thing. "It all depends on how you look at it," has been the comment of some of the "experts." But I firmly contend it is a very rigid, unbending force that constantly marches forward. It is clearly marked by years, months, days, minutes and seconds. It is measured by clocks and calendars and thus the results are recorded millions of times in all parts of the world. There may be different attitudes toward time, but there is very little altering of it.

Time and age are viewed by individuals in many ways according to their varying concepts. Women are accused of dreading the passage of time. However, a quick look at the male segment of our society tells us that vanity is not located in the sole domain of the ladies. We may look positively on the process of aging with the weak excuse that it is gaining us experience. My observation is that when we lose our "go-power," we had better be a bit wiser, or we will be run over by the energetic and knowledgeable younger generation. If the passing of time does not make us smarter, then I can see very little use in the whole process.

People age and so do things all about us. Even countries have birthdays, and that is what I would like to talk about. It comes as a surprise to no one that America is almost ready to celebrate her 200th birthday. Bicentennial observations are cropping up everywhere, and the red, white and blue markings are dotting the land.

All of this comes during one of the more depressing times in our history. We have closed out an incident in this land of ours that has done more to divide us than anything since the Civil War. I refer to the Vietnam intrusion. Questions of how extensive the damage to us has really been awaits the inspection of the historians. From a distant analysis we will later be able to assess what this prolonged episode cost in human lives, dollars, and overall injury to our national unity.

A celebration emphasizing our purpose and history could not have come at a more fitting time. Now is the time to pick up the pieces of national pride and get back to a touch of patriotism and a little flag waving. Now don't mark me off quite yet as being out of touch with reality! Please lend me your ears for just a few more minutes.

At the age of 200, we as a country are having enough problems without every gloomy news commentator throwing on another burden on the pretext of news reporting. We are suffering from a distortion of national purpose, and we need to do a little "backward" looking to see how and why we came into being in the first place. The United States struggled into existence because people

wanted to be free. They had enough of arbitrary government dictation and taxation in every area of their lives. They wanted to be independent and to have the control and say-so over their own destinies. They dumped tea into the Boston Harbor bay to show they had enough of "taxed" tea. They also wanted to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. They were not ashamed to put into their motto—"One Nation Under God."

It will be a privilege to be here to help celebrate our 200th Birthday. Certainly it will be a gala occasion with parades, speeches, and renewed visits to many of our national shrines. I would hope and pray that it will be a time of return to our national purpose. May it be a reminder that we just cannot afford what all of the politicians are trying to give us. We should like to try to do a few things for ourselves and not become petty puppets with outstretched hands asking for a return of what was ours in the first place. Perhaps a real brave man will tell us to work a little harder and to stop regarding our government as a deity that can and will supply all our needs.

Maybe even a braver man will stand up and remind us that our liberty under God is rapidly vanishing, and that we must wake up. He might

# Happy Birthday, America!

even tell us that we have been permitting lawlessness and the rights of the criminal to overshadow the rights of the innocent one. It would sound good to hear the speaker tell us that justice should return to our courts and legal system—that crime should not be nonchalantly dismissed on legal technicalities rather than basing judgment and punishment on proved guilt.

My great hope is that a voice might ring through the celebration saying: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves . . ."—then possibly a clear return to God can become a reality; and we can all say: "Happy Birthday, America!"



# Brethren Foreign Missions To Celebrate 75th Anniversary

"Are we ready to enter the foreign missionary field?" To a committed Christian in the year 1975 that question is not a debatable one and certainly not a topic to excite controversy. But 75 years ago a discussion on the subject severely divided the delegates of the Tenth Brethren General Conference, meeting at Winona Lake, Indiana.

This came about because one of the group's leading elders, Jacob C. Cassel, had challenged the delegates by presenting a paper on a most relevant subject for any Christian body—the question stated at the beginning of this article.

The matter was then presented to the conference. Even though an interest in missions had been developing for several years, the attempt to actually form a foreign mission organization within the conference itself met with formidable resistance. To those who favored such action it was finally suggested that

there was plenty of room "out under the trees" where they could affect their organization.

So it was that on a hot Tuesday afternoon a group of determined people was found meeting on a knoll under the spreading boughs of a friendly oak, and in that meeting the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church was born. The spot is identified today by a bronze plaque just beneath the tree.

According to Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr., in his book *250 Years . . . Conquering Frontiers* (A History of the Brethren Church), 53 people were enrolled as charter members of the Foreign Missionary Society and an executive committee of six members was chosen. That committee became the Board of Trustees, which now consists of 13 members—12 elected, plus the Foreign Secretary as a member ex officio.

Dr. Kent says that the first recorded statement on the Society's

record reads as follows: "At the General Conference of the Brethren Church convened at Winona Lake, Indiana, August 31 to September 5, 1900, the matter of opening a way for foreign missionary effort was discussed earnestly, and many seemed moved by the Spirit to take some action that would lead to some definite step in that direction. Accordingly a meeting to effect a Foreign Missionary Society was convened on Tuesday at 2 o'clock p.m., Sept. 4, 1900."

Nearly 75 years have passed since that day which proved so historic for the Brethren Church. In the months of this year leading up to the actual 75th birthday of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, the anniversary has been publicized in various ways. Events will climax with special observances at the annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches August 1-8.

*The theme of this year's conference is*

## TO ADVANCE THE GOSPEL

**Sunday, August 3 — 2:30 p.m.**—Home and Foreign Missions Rally at the Homer Rodeheaver Auditorium. Special Foreign Missions feature will be a skit, "Under the Trees," by Rev. Wendell Kent on the founding of the Foreign Missionary Society, written especially for this occasion.

**Monday, August 4 through Thursday, August 7 — Missions Seminars, 2:00-3:30 p.m.** Five different ones to choose from each day, featuring various Brethren speakers.

**Evening Bible Hour** will include a 10-minute presentation each evening by representatives from foreign fields.

### **Wednesday, August 6 — FOREIGN MISSIONS SPECIAL DAY**

**9:45 a.m.** — FMS Challenge Hour and Corporation meeting.

**12:30 p.m.** — FMS 75th Anniversary Luncheon — Winona Hotel, by reservation only. Tickets \$4.00 each. Speakers: Representatives from foreign lands.

**Following the evening service — FMS 75th Birthday Celebration** at the Winona Hotel. Invited guests: missionaries, foreign board, office staff; along with anyone who has ever served as a missionary, staff or board member, plus husbands and wives. Speaker: Dr. Russell D. Barnard.

### **Brethren Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the 75th Anniversary Luncheon on Wed., Aug. 6. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. (You will be mailed an acknowledgment of your reservation and a receipt for payment, but tickets will be held for you to pick up upon your arrival in Winona Lake.)

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**T**he persecution of Christians has a long history. From Christianity's birth to the present, Christians in one part of the world or another have suffered at the hands of political leaders.

Tradition tells us that not even the apostles escaped:

Matthias was stoned, and then beheaded.

Simon Zelotes was crucified in Persia.

Jude was shot to death with arrows.

Matthew was slain with the sword in Ethiopia.

Mark was dragged through the streets of Alexandria in Egypt until he expired.

Luke was hanged on an olive tree in Greece.

John was put in a pot of boiling oil at Rome and escaped death.

James the Great was beheaded at Jerusalem.

James the Less was thrown from the pinnacle of the temple and then beaten to death.

Philip was hanged against a pillar.

Bartholomew was flayed alive.

Andrew was bound to a cross where he preached to the people until he died.

And, Thomas was run through with a lance.

United States Christians who have enjoyed the sanctity of a country historically tolerant to religion, may, for the present at least, consider themselves immune to such harassment; but it is well to remember that in some societies fellow believers are enduring persecution, and foreign missionaries working among them have not been spared.

Not every political leader who has a part in persecuting Christians dies a violent death. However, it is worthy to note that many do.

**Herod Agrippa I** persecuted the church and killed James, the brother of John. Acts 12:23 tells us that "the angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory."

**Nero**—This infamous world tyrant and debauchee makes his way across the annals of church history as an intolerant and persecuting enemy of the

followers of Jesus Christ. History records the wickedness of his reign, which became so bad that almost everyone turned against him. When finally even the palace guard forsook their posts, Nero secretly fled and hid in a free-man's villa four miles outside Rome. There Nero learned that the senate had proclaimed Galva as emperor, and that he himself was sentenced to death. "On the approach of the horsemen sent to drag him to execution, he collected sufficient courage to save himself by suicide from this final ignominy, and the soldiers arrived only to find the emperor in the agonies of death. Nero died on June 9, 68, in the 31st year of his age, in the 14th year of his reign."

**Pilate**—Eusebius is the authority that Pilate, wearied with his misfortunes, killed himself. Tradition recorded the scene: "He tried to find solace on a mountain by the lake of Lucerne. After spending years in its recesses in remorse and despair rather than penitence, he plunged into the dismal lake and took his life."

**Decius**—Persecutions of the most dreadful sort were carried out during his short reign. Civil magistrates were ordered to destroy Christianity by threatening Christians with severe punishments and by the use of the cruelest of tortures. Decius was killed in the

tion were left to expire. Some were roasted by slow fires; and some suspended by their feet with the heads downward and, a fire being placed under them, were suffocated by the smoke. Some had melted lead poured down their throats and the flesh of some was torn off with shells. Others had splinters of reeds thrust under the



nails of their fingers and toes. The few who were not capitally punished, had their limbs and their features mutilated."

Diocletian eventually was afflicted with an illness which forced him to abdicate. He died in retirement eight years later. It is not known how Hierocles, the real instigator of the persecution, met his end.

**Timor (Tamerlane)**—This man gave the final blow that caused Christianity to disappear from central and northern Asia and Mongolia. "Not only in the Far East, but wherever he penetrated with his barbarous legions, he piteously harassed Christians who would not renounce their faith. Christians who

# Persecution

By John W. Zielasko

battle against the Goths, and the Christians were set at liberty.

**Diocletian**—The reign of Diocletian was in many respects a noble and successful one, but its glory was stained by the terrible persecution of Christians which he authorized. It seems that he was a reluctant persecutor but was prevailed upon to stamp out Christianity by the philosopher Hierocles, a violent antagonist of this belief. During a shameful period of ten years, three decrees were issued against the Christians. Their sacred books were sought and burned. "The human imagination was indeed almost exhausted in inventing a variety of tortures. Some were impaled alive. Some had their limbs broken and in that condi-

tion resisted were slaughtered, their churches destroyed." We would expect that this despot would meet with a violent end, but not so. While planning a campaign against China, he was attacked by a fever, and died in camp with his troops.

In recent days Christians in the African republic of Chad suffered persecution at the hands of President Francois Ngarta Tombalbaye. Gruesome reports of people being buried alive, sewn up in a drum and starved to death, and tortures during initiation rites shocked the Christian conscience in Europe and America. Thousands of Christians were in prayer for the

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# They Call It “Language Study”

By Gary Austin

We were a motley crew—tired from a long journey in an overstuffed Datsun 610. Inside the car one could see snowsuits, tape recorders, blankets, toys and other “essentials” which we thought necessary for the eight months ahead, in Quebec. Oh, yes, there were the four of us!

We had just recently finished the exhausting struggle of packing our “outfit” for Africa: identifying each item and estimating its value, carefully packing each piece into a dozen 55-gallon barrels and/or crates, and then labeling the crates and barrels.

We were tired. We were ready for a change of pace. And we got it. There are many words used to describe it, but the more common (polite) way is to call it “language study.” That is the period of time new American missionaries must spend in trying to forget how to think in English and in trying to relearn how to think—in a new language. The problem is that I have a hard enough time trying to think in English—let alone in French!

Our grammar professor tells us that after age 15 our minds are like cement blocks. His job is to crack our blockheads so we can change our methods of thinking. Then he commences to blast away—eight month’s worth. Meanwhile, our professor of phonetics forces our lips, tongues, teeth, and epiglottis (yes, you have one, too) to contort into strange ways unknown to us “normal” people. You make sounds you never thought possible.

Days stretch into weeks. The daylight hours grow darker and yet you don’t notice this, for your head is buried in the tape recorder, books or pillow. The snow piles up—and you do notice that the weather is cold.

It’s November and then December. Christmas. Home for the holidays! It’s great to be home where you understand people. People want to hear what is going on in school. “Oh, it’s tough,” you tell them, “but not too tough.” (Don’t want to scare away potential missionaries.)

Days of joy are over. Back to school—another long trip. Good to see friends at school. What did the pro-

fessor say—“No more English on campus!” How can we make it?

Mail comes from the United States. A pastor friend writes, “You’re probably speaking French fluently by now.” He has nerve!

Test scores on each chapter seem to be dropping. What am I missing? Frustration—want to do the very best—“mission expects miracles,” so I’m told. Study harder.


March. Professor says it is time for you to give your testimony before the French student body. En francais? Mais oui! Is it possible?

I feel silly. Embarrassed. Strange sounds, words, phrases. I stumble along, all eyes watching. But—those eyes. Are they responding? Am I com-

Spring must be near. Study is almost finished. And just when I’m starting to understand a little bit.

Oh, that’s all right. You are going to a mission field where French is spoken. You’ll learn more as you get involved with the people who speak French. What’s that—the people where I’m going speak another language—we will go through another language study? Oh, well.

Would I like to take this study over again? Not on your life! But I wouldn’t trade the experience for anything either.

God teaches us many things through the hard lessons of life. For new missionaries, life includes language study. 



Gary and Jean Austin; Debbie, 10; Mark, almost 7; and Jonathan, born March '75.

municating? Is it possible? Afterwards they congratulate you on a fine testimony. They chatter with you in French as if you understand everything now! It’s like an initiation. You’re in—after seven months you have finally begun your study of a foreign language!

Now there are more hours of light in the day. I thought I saw a robin.

*(FMS editor’s note: After finishing their study in Quebec at the end of April, the Austins spent a period of weeks visiting relatives, friends, and supporting churches in the U.S. They were scheduled to fly on June 27 from the U.S. to the Central African Republic. There they will undertake Sango language study before beginning their work on the field.)*



*(FMS Editor's Note: Pastor Eduardo Coria of Argentina spent a couple of weeks in southern California this spring, and spoke in several Brethren churches during his visit. His expenses to the Costa Rica communications conference, which he mentions, were cared for by the interdenominational radio organization, CAVEA, with which he is associated in Buenos Aires. The Foreign Missionary Society then brought him on to the U.S., but since he could be away from his home and work only one month, his time here was very limited. Thus, he worked with the western missionary conference team which was equipped with a translator in the person of Rev. J. Paul Dowdy.)*

*This article consists of excerpts from Mr. Coria's messages.]*

### **On the purpose of his visit —**

Before coming to the United States I spent two weeks in Costa Rica, taking part in a seminar on the subject of communications—radio, television, and film. There were some 60 Christian leaders there from about a dozen South American countries. We put in a great deal of study and work in those two weeks. We all had the same feeling: that probably the Lord is giving us a last opportunity to spread the Gospel; and only by means of the mass media communications, along with the work of each individual Christian, are we going to get the job done.

### **About his early life and conversion —**

Like the majority in my country, I was born into a Roman Catholic

and we children had to return to her parents. I believe that in all this the hand of the Lord was working, because shortly after we arrived there we had an opportunity to hear the Gospel. However, before that I was already desiring to become a musician like my father. When I was 12 years old I bought a trumpet and began to play in a jazz orchestra myself in the company of very bad people. The director of the orchestra was an alcoholic.

I lived that way for four years. But in the town where we lived, the son of the pastor played the clarinet. He wanted to win me to Christ so he brought choruses and hymns to my house for me to play. (When he was gone I would play them in jazz



Pastor Eduardo Coria (left) and Missionary J. Paul Dowdy.

### **On the radio work and its results —**

We receive thousands of letters from children, young people, adults, and older people—from every social level of life. Many of them have found Christ as their Saviour. Our radio program is supported and paid for by the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. It is your offerings and your prayers that help us to carry on that radio work.

The program is called "The Open Bible." It is broadcasted three times a week for five minutes at 6:50 in the morning, when people are getting up, having breakfast, and preparing to go to work.

Once a letter came from an elderly lady in Buenos Aires who asked for a New Testament. We sent her some literature and she was converted. About the same time a young lady from a different city sent a letter. We sent her a New Testament and other Christian literature, and she too was converted. After a short time we received letters from both the elderly lady and the young lady—they were mother and daughter. The girl had left home many years before, had married and had children. Her mother didn't know where she was or what she was doing. Now they are united again—not only as mother and daughter but as sisters in Christ.

We received a letter from a famous

# Argentine Pastor Visits U.S.

home. That doesn't mean it was a Christian home; we had religion but that was all it was. My mother was very faithful to the church; my father was not because he was occupied as a musician in a jazz orchestra. He played the trumpet very well, and was probably one of the five best trumpet players in the country. As far back as I can remember, we were traveling with our father and the orchestra. On one of our trips we arrived in a town over next to the Andes Mountains. On the 13th of January, 1944, an earthquake destroyed practically that whole city, and we lost everything except our lives.

When I was eight years old my father left the family to follow a Bohemian type of life. So, our mother

rhythm!) But the Lord was faithful, and when I was 16 years old I gave my life to Christ. This October it will be 20 years since I became a Christian.

Shortly after that the Lord called me to prepare myself for service, and I studied five years in the Brethren Bible Institute. The Lord gave me a good Christian wife, Nora, and we established our home. Since I didn't have a Christian home when I was a child, I am very happy to have one of my own. I served several churches as pastor, and spent seven years working at the Bible Institute as administrator besides teaching several courses. Now the Lord has taken me to Buenos Aires. I'm working part time as pastor and part time as director of the recording studio of a radio station.

criminal in Argentina. His name had been in all the newspapers, for he had assassinated the wife of a high-ranking military officer. He had escaped to Paraguay but the government was able to apprehend him and bring him back to Argentina, where he was condemned to life imprisonment. Soon after returning to Buenos Aires, he heard our radio program and wrote us a letter. In this first letter he said he was innocent; he had no interest in anything spiritual, and all he wanted was our help to get him out of jail. But the Holy Spirit was working in his heart, and very soon his letters changed. He began to realize that the real prison he was in was not the

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# The Chateau Walls Speak

By Mrs. Dan Hammers



The Saone River ambles lazily down its valley bed bordered on either side with green velvet pastureland. Deep blue rises from the horizon and canopies the hilltop where I am sitting. A slight, warm breeze, slipping over the valley, rustles the *tilleul* (linden tree) leaves and refreshes my face that has been warmed all morning by old Mr. Sun who has since rolled around in the heavens and is now warming my back. What a wonderful feeling of well-being!

For centuries people have walked in my shady park, enjoying the breath-taking view of the Saone Valley. But never has summer in my park been so exciting as the past few summers since my youth was revived, and I was made a youth center by Brethren Foreign Missions.

I must confess that I am quite proud of my park with its neatly trimmed shrubs, ornamental trees, and smooth lawn. It has taken a lot of hard work and many helping hands to restore the beauty that at one time in my existence was sadly neglected. I didn't understand at first why my new owners were so excited about getting the park in shape. I overheard ideas about "activities," "camp fires," "volleyball." I was totally in the dark until one day I overheard a conversation among several young people sitting under my horse chestnut tree. They were talking about Jesus Christ. And then I realized that my park had been dedicated for a purpose. It is wonderful to have a purpose, especially when that purpose is helping French people find this wonderful "eternal life" in Jesus Christ that is talked about so

much here. So inside and outside God is using me as His tool.

Now, I have many, many friends who stroll regularly through my park. Raphael is here now with his binoculars, watching birds. He sits often on my walls reading his Bible or sharing with another person. He came to the Chateau as a rebellious anarchist, crossed the bridge from the darkness of death to the light of eternal life, and is now one of the leaders in the church at Macon—a completely transformed life!

Ghiselaine lived here in the village of Saint-Albain. Boredom with staying at home brought her through my gates one Sunday afternoon. She continued coming for a year during which she spent hours reading Christian books from my library. At the end of that year Ghiselaine crossed the "darkness-



Claudie—personal Bible study in the park



Outdoor Bible study—Chateau grounds



to-light" bridge and is now walking with Jesus Christ.

Last summer, Raphael and Ghiselaine paid a particularly high compliment to me as they crossed yet another bridge together. I am evidently a good bridge between celebrity and wedlock. And the setting of this special ceremony? My park! Their choice of setting for their simple wedding ceremony was significant to me, for they have learned to love not only the Creator but also the wonderful world of nature that He has given us to live in. This couple will be leaving for Bible school this fall and will be serving their Lord wherever He desires.

Besides the weddings, which numbered five last summer, my green surroundings have been the setting of numerous other activities. Hot dog roasts and campfire fellowship, Bible studies and musical concerts, the annual "Barnyard Olympics" and the various volleyball tournaments, the group discussions and the quiet personal sharing times have all contributed to my new vocation as a place



Raphael and Ghiselaine—one of the couples married at the Chateau last summer



A portion of Chateau park in spring

where the Good News is announced through life and word to those who as yet have not heard.

Even though I am only a modest castle in comparison to my brothers in this region, I can now boast my own outdoor "Sound and Light" program in the summer. But instead of talking about my past as do most "Sound and Light" productions, mine tells the story of new life in Jesus Christ. I'll be telling you more about that later on.

As I look back over my centuries of life in this one place, it's really strange to realize that I have been truly young for only the last decade. My youth started when I was given a valid reason to exist, a mission in the world, something infinitely valuable to share. The accompanying face lift was for me what a trip to the beauty shop is for most of you ladies. I guess I'm pretty much like people after all. I have seen many of them, people like Raphael and Ghiselaine, find the real reason for living in Jesus Christ, and you would hardly believe what a revolutionary face lift Christ's love has given them.

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church and missionaries in that beleaguered country. As if an answer to their prayers, headlines proclaimed: **COUP KILLS PRESIDENT OF CHAD.** Reports indicate that Tombalbaye was struck down in a dawn machine-gun and cannon attack on his official residence.

What the future holds for the Chad under the new regime is at this point uncertain, except that it does close a chapter in the life of another man who persecuted the church, and by so doing, persecuted Christ (Acts 9:4). Such action does not go unpunished. Let human leaders be reminded that God is still on the throne.

"This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men" (Dan. 4:17).

Tertullian told the Roman persecutors: "Nothing is accomplished by your increasingly refined cruelty; it is the bait that draws men to our school.

We increase as often as you mow us down. The blood of Christians is seed."

If we should ever be called upon to stand up under pressure for our Christian faith, would we stand the test?

## ARGENTINE PASTOR —

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physical jail—he was in a spiritual jail. He didn't need a lawyer, he needed a Saviour. The Holy Spirit illuminated his heart and mind and he accepted Christ as Saviour. In one of his most recent letters he said that very likely he would have to spend his whole life in that place, but he is happy because he is alive in Jesus Christ.

## Concerning the need for missionaries —

I am seeing today the need for men who are well founded in the knowledge of the Word of God to occupy important positions in teaching the Bible in Argentina. Liberal theology is entering more and more into the land. We are trying to neutralize that influence, but we need more men who are strong, able teachers of the Word. I spent some years working in the Bible Institute, but we had to close the

school because of the lack of young men interested in studying. Now we have a group of young men who are really interested in the Word of God. It would be a good thing to be able to reach those young men in their own churches and teach them. If it is not possible for them to come to an institute and stay to study, we should take the institute to them. At present there are very few Argentine pastors, and not many of them would be able to go and do this kind of teaching work. I believe this would be a great opportunity for missionaries. Please think about this; pray about it.





# Two Great Women

By Harold and Marguerite Dunning

## DEPENDABLE MARY EMMERT

**O**ur first contact with Mary Emmert was when we lived in her rooms our first year on the field, while she was on furlough. In fact, our first daughter was born in her bed! Mary and Elizabeth Tyson shared one of the large houses built on our Central African field by J. W. Hathaway and rebuilt by Al Balzer a few years ago because of termite damage. When Mary returned to Africa the Taber house was vacant, and we lived there as neighbors to Mary and Elizabeth until our first furlough. After that it was never our privilege to be stationed at the same place with her again, but she remained one of our warmest friends.

Mary never intruded into another's privacy but was "always there" when counsel or help were requested; now she must know more fully how greatly we appreciated her wisdom. How much we learned from her about what it is to be a "foreign missionary"! She helped us take "missions" out of our heads and put it in our hearts and feet. She personified methodical, clear thinking, and was an excellent "balance wheel" to rash new-missionary thinking. She was so self-disciplined that when she was making herself speak only French, she even engineered in French the killing of a snake! She was a Phi Beta Kappa but it never kept her from relating with everyone. Erudite, she could always be a winner in Anagrams or Scrabble; but she'd say, "Let's play in three languages," which made it easier for everybody—if you didn't have the vocabulary or letters for English only, you might be able to come up with something in French or Sango.

Mary was the kind of person to whom we felt we could entrust our teenage daughter for the trip to the States when they both left Africa for the last time. If she felt it hampered her somewhat to take a 10-day trip in Europe with two 14-year-olds in tow, neither the youngsters nor their parents could have guessed it. Patience and understanding characterized Mary here again.

Her "children," from Marc Volongou to Maurice Moleko, rise up and call her blessed. She taught them the "three R's" in French, along with French Bible, and also what it was to trust in the Lord Jesus. She not only *told* them, she *showed* them.

## AMAZING GRACE BYRON

**M**any of her fellow missionaries affectionally called her "Amazing Grace." Grace Byron would respond: "That's okay. Just don't sing, 'Grace, Enough for Me.'" She was amazing in her ingenuity, her tolerance, her perseverance, her resilience. She was a unique combination of leader-follower; and we especially enjoyed her sense of humor.

Because she was ill, we missed getting to travel with her to Africa our first trip out, and we were never stationed at the same place. Nevertheless, we loved her the first time we met her, and this love always continued, nourished by correspondence and occasional visits. (Though she was disappointed at not getting to sail on the freighter *Zarembo*, this was so God could use her months later on the *ZamZam*, before it was sunk by a German raider-ship, to rescue a lost daughter of other missionaries who thought she was already in a lifeboat.)

One of the nicest things any missionary ever did for another, Grace did for us. Until the mid-1950's Field Council meals were always prepared by three missionary ladies for the whole ten days or two weeks. You volunteered a year ahead of time, and then you were free for a few years. Thus it was in 1949 I found myself planning to cook not only with eight- and four-year-old daughters, but with a small infant as well. That is when a letter came from Grace who was then living in the largest house at Bassai, which was the regular meeting place for Field Council until grass fires during hunting season destroyed the thatched-roof mud dormitories which were the "motel rooms" for families. Grace wrote that she didn't know how I could manage (on an isolated station several days away, we were wondering, too). So, she wanted the five of us to set up our cots in her bedroom, which she ordinarily would have shared with other single missionaries. It would facilitate meal preparation, for I could use her own cooking facilities on the veranda (in that pre-aluminum-roof era most of the cooking was done in a separate cookhouse near each residence). Not only that, but we could be relaxed about our children during the evening services which were always held in the adjoining long living room. We never were able to express sufficiently to her our thanks for this unique arrangement and her kind invitation. We know when she heard "Well done" from the Lord Jesus she loved so much, she was glad again that she did such a wonderful thing for two young missionaries.

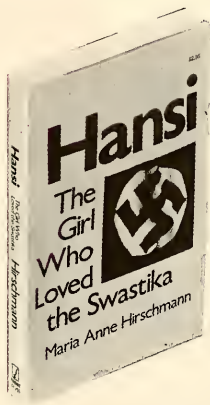
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## NEW Reading Books

### THE RICHEST LADY IN TOWN

by Joyce Landorf

This book starts out by saying "A millionaire lives on my street, and would you believe it—it's me!" The author then continues to point out seven things that have made her rich.



### HANSI

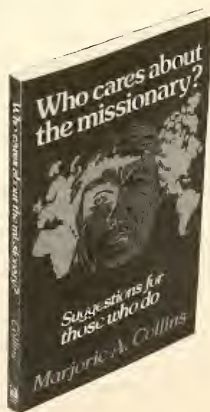
by Maria Anne Hirschmann

This is the story of an orphan girl who, although she became a member of Hitler's youth movement, never forgot her foster mother's admonition, "Don't ever forget Jesus!" In 1940 her path led through the atheism of the Nazi system, the disillusionment at Hitler's suicide and a breathtaking escape from the Communists and a storybook romance. A new appreciation of the Lord's working in a life and also an appreciation of the United States and the freedom it offers is seen in this book.

### WHO CARES ABOUT THE MISSIONARY?

by Marjorie A. Collins

This book presents many practical helps for the missionary program in the local church. It includes prayer, letter writing, ideas for helping missionaries on furlough and how to emphasize missions throughout the church.



*Note: The Herald Co. is offering all three books at a special price. The total retail value is \$9.40, but you may purchase them for \$8.50 postage paid if a check accompanies your order. Send to the Brethren Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.*

# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

**Winona Lake, Ind.** A 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held for Dr. and Mrs. Homer A. Kent, Sr., at the dining room of Grace Village, on Saturday, Aug. 2, 1975. Their children welcome you to come and go from 2:00-4:00 p.m. No gifts, please.

**Altoona (Juniata), Pa.** Missionary Lois Miller, a member of the Grace Brethren Church here, recently was honored in the Central African Republic. She received from the presidential palace the Ordre: Merite Centrafricain (the Honor Society of the Central African Republic).

This citation was originally to be given on Dec. 1, the independence day for the republic. It was presented by the Minister of Agriculture on the field. It honored both the missionary and the Foreign Missionary Society through which she serves. The honor was given for service to the nation through teaching male nurses and the teaching of midwifery. It also rewarded her for designing and directing the building of a medical facility on the Boguila station. Word was sent by a local official of the accomplishment to President Bokassa who then sent the award.

Lois returned on Apr. 22 to the Central African Republic. A surprise farewell fellowship time was held at the parsonage after the evening service of Apr. 20 and on Tuesday, Apr. 22, a fine delegation was present to see her off at the Altoona-Blair Airport. Simon T. Torioian, pastor.

**Kittanning (North Buffalo), Pa.** On Apr. 6, the North Buffalo Grace Brethren congregation dedicated their new building with Dr. Harold Etling as the guest speaker. Three former pastors: Gordon Bracker, Fred Walters, and Thomas Goossens were present to assist in the services. There were 144 in Sunday School, 185 for morning worship and over 300 in the afternoon services.

A goal of \$1,000 was set for the building fund offering for the afternoon, and when the money was counted, we had received \$1,610. The icing on the cake came when there were two first-time decisions and one rededication. Roy E. Kreimes, pastor.

**Elyria, Ohio.** Pastor Richard Placeway concluded an 11-year ministry on May 11. He began his new ministry in Manheim, Pa., on Sunday, May 18. Pastor Placeway's new address is R.D. 5, Penryn Road, Manheim, Pa. 17545.

**Change.** The address of Rev. Robert Markley has been changed to: 1121 Winston Rd., South Euclid, OH 44121 (Phone: 216/291-4548). Mr. Markley is available for pulpit supply in the driving area of Cleveland, Ohio.

**Annual Change.** Due to illness Rev. Jerry Snyder has resigned from the Grace Brethren Church, Brooksville, Fla. The church has called Rev. Herman Koontz as the interim pastor. The church is meeting in the Spring Lake Civic Hall, two miles south of Highways 50 and 98, on the State Road 41 which is between Brooksville and Interstate 75.

## Grace Alumni Reception Set for August 4 at Winona Lake

An alumni reception for all former students of Grace College and Seminary, along with faculty, administration, trustees and spouses will be held on Monday night, August 4, 1975. The reception will follow the evening service as a climax to Grace Schools Day at the annual conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches in session at Winona Lake, Indiana.

Dr. Wayne Beaver is general chairman of the reception committee which includes: Jim Morrison, Mrs. Tom (Donna Grady) Miller and Bill Darr. Prof. Don Ogden will emcee the program which will include some of the "Old Time Music Groups." Light refreshments will be served. Place will be announced.

## Wedding Bells

A six-months' free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to new subscribers whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Mary Ann Birmingham and Dennis Lee Myers, May 24, at the First Brethren Church, Alexandria, Va. Pastor Lee Myers, father of the groom, officiated in the ceremony.

The following marriages were performed by Dr. David Hocking, pastor, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.: Linda Esparza and Mariano Dauz, Feb. 15. Karen Bolinger and Leighton Ogg, Mar. 8. Deborah Wade and Russell Kopp, Apr. 5. Myra Dennis and Edwin Loucks, Apr. 12. Linda Munke and Alan Markovitz, May 4. Betty McDaniels and Bruce Bingham, May 24. Mary Sullivan and Robert Paterson III, May 25.



**Chambersburg, Pa.** Ruth Ann Rittgers has been selected as an Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America for 1975. Ruth Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ritchey, Sr. She graduated from Grace College in 1970 with a B.S. in Elementary Education. Later she married a Grace College classmate, Keith Rittgers. The couple then moved to Kinston, N.C., where they both taught at the Grace Christian School. For the past 2 years she has been teaching in the second and third grades at Calvary Christian School in Forrest City, Ark., where she was recommended for this award.

**Des Moines, Iowa.** Pastor Ralph Miller has resigned from the pastorate of the First Brethren Church in Des Moines as of May 12, 1975. His future plans are indefinite at this time.

## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

**York, Pa.** July 17-20; Robert Whited, pastor, Dr. John Whitcomb, speaker.

## PLAN NOW TO ATTEND NATIONAL CONFERENCE AUGUST 1-8, 1975

**Princeton, N.J. (EP)**—One fourth of the nation's college seniors become so disillusioned during their four years of college that they would rather live in another country, according to a recent Gallup Poll survey.

Students in 57 colleges and universities indicated through the research that their political views moved sharply to the left as they advanced from freshman to senior and that their religious beliefs decreased in importance.

With these came liberalization concerning attitudes toward sex, drugs, and alcohol.

The pollsters concluded that instead of teaching collegians how to think, left-leaning faculty members were teaching them what to think as well.

**Hartford (EP)**—Connecticut's House of Representatives has voted, 81 to 54, to require a "silent moment of prayer" each day in public schools of the state.

The Senate has already passed a similar bill, but it will be returned to the Senate for approval of a House amendment to allow children to leave the classroom, if they wish, during the moment of prayer.

Opponents of the prayer bill said in an emotional House debate that it violates prior rulings of the U.S. Supreme Court. One of the responses by a supporter was "There's only one Supreme Being, and it isn't the Supreme Court."

**Notice.** The Brethren Missionary Herald Co. will not be able to furnish tapes of this year's national conference messages. Production problems and other complications have been encountered, and we regret not being able to make tapes available. We trust that conference delegates will understand and appreciate this early notification. Plan to bring tape recorders to record the music and messages of your choice.



**Buena Vista, Va.** On a recent Sunday we were rejoicing because we have a family of five generations that regularly attends our church. Four are members who actively serve the Lord, and the fifth rarely misses a service. They are from the right to left: Mrs. Theresa Lynn—great-great grandmother, Mrs. Ruby Smals—great grandmother, Rev. Jimmy Smals—grandfather, Mrs. Becky Lynn—mother, Baby Nicholas Lynn—son. Lester Kennedy, pastor.

**Winona Lake, Ind.** Evangelist Bill Smith reports a great crusade meeting at the new Grace Brethren Church of North Kokomo, Kokomo, Ind., May 18-23. There were 11 public decisions for Christ. Richard Bell, pastor.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**BADGER, Ashley**, 87, Apr. 1, member of the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa. On Dec. 6, 1974, he and Mrs. Badger had enjoyed their 68th wedding anniversary and both were active until his death. Phillip J. Simmons, pastor.

**COOPER, R. Walter**, Apr. 5, member of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, Calif. David Hocking, pastor

**COUSER, Mary A.**, member of the Grace Brethren Church of Huber Heights of Dayton, Ohio, passed away Mar. 23. She had been confined to her home over 4 years because of illness, but had a rich ministry in prayer and Bible study and influenced many lives. James Poyner, pastor.

**CRAIG, David S.**, 75, Mar. 28, member of the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia for 57 years, having served on the building committee, and as an usher and trustee. Roger L. Wambold, pastor.

**HILDEBRAND, Mrs. Charlotte (Lottie)**, 76, May 27, a deaconess and a former Sunday School teacher at the First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Wesley Haller, pastor.

**SIMPSON, Mrs. Cora**, 92, Feb. 20, was one of the most faithful members of our current outreach program. David Hocking, pastor.

**SMITH, Joseph**, 90, Apr. 24, member of the Findlay Grace Brethren Church, Findlay, Ohio. Glenn Coats, pastor.

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# REFLECTING BLESSINGS

# GOD'S THROUGH...



REFLECTING GOD'S BLESSINGS THROUGH KEEPING PROMISES



# Visit A Reading Class

(WMC Editor's Note: When Miss Byron was chosen as a Birthday Missionary for the second time, she decided to write of African experiences instead of the usual biography. This article appeared in January of 1972 and reveals her love for the African children and her concern for teaching them. Her personal style also shares her lovely sense of humor. Although she is now in glory with her Lord, we can be blessed by reading of her missionary days.)

Come with me on a bush trip to inspect village classes and see what progress the children are making in learning to read and in memorizing Bible verses, and how we can help the teachers.

We will travel by "push." I was dumped out of a push once, but no bones were broken and I was not any worse for the experience. What kind of vehicle is a "push"? It is a one-wheeled chariot—a chair seat and two poles on a frame pulled over a motorcycle wheel and operated by two men, one in front and one in back, who jog along at about four miles an hour.

Careful preparations must be made for the trip, including arrangements for men to carry our loads, and for "pushers" and a cook. We must take everything we will need, for there will be no stores nearby. Two necessities are a mosquito net to protect us from malaria-carrying mosquitoes at night, and our malaria-preventive medicine. We must boil all our drinking water and not be tempted by sparkling clear water in a stream. Disease-carrying germs are easy to come by but it is difficult to get rid of them.

When the loads are all packed, the men put them on their heads and we mount our pushes, bow our heads to ask the Lord's blessing, and the caravan is on its way. Friendly Africans walking along the road greet us with smiles and wish us a safe journey.

After traveling a couple of hours we come to a stream. The hot dusty carriers lay down their loads and plunge into the cool stream, and we find a shady spot beneath a tree. Refreshed, the men pick up their loads, we climb into the push, and are on our way again.

Finally arriving at our destination, we are greeted by the pastor, and chief, and some villagers. Our "motel" is an empty one-room adobe hut with a mud floor. There are no windows, and the door-closing is only a mat.

After we set up housekeeping we lie down to rest for awhile. Do you hear that hen squawking? A little later a boy arrives with a gift of eggs from the chief. We test the eggs in a pan of water and sure enough, they all float. No doubt the eggs were taken from under the hen that squawked. We prefer our chickens *out* of the shell!

When the people have come home from their work the pastor soon beats the drum calling the people to the evening service. There is no chapel in this village, so the people sit on rows of logs and the pastor uses an upright drum for a pulpit. He announces a song—and as their habit is, they sing all 10 verses; he asks us to give a greeting and then reads a portion of Scripture and gives a message.

We go back to our "motel" and have our evening meal. Meanwhile, the men sit around their fires while the women cook cassava mush in an earthen pot, empty it into a basket container, and then cook the stew in the same pot. The stew is made of vegetables and meat—if they have the meat (it might be rats). The women bring the food to the men. Forming a circle around the two containers of food, they take a gob of the stiff mush, dip it into the stew, and eat it. They finish and the women come to get the food and eat what is left. We visit for awhile with the groups and then crawl under our nets to sleep. At dawn, after a good night's sleep,


we hear the drum calling the people to the sunrise prayer meeting. We always are blessed in attending these meetings. Later we visit the children's reading class, and are pleased with the progress they are making in learning to read and reciting Bible verses. Some helpful suggestions are given to the teacher.

We tell the children that Jesus loves them and if they will accept Him they will go to heaven. Some already know the Lord, and it is a real joy to see others accept Him. Their religion has taught only fear of death by the spirits of their idols, and they must appease the spirits.

After a couple of days we leave and go to other villages where we have similar experiences.

One morning we are at the river waiting to be carried across. Seeing some lion tracks, I follow them for a short distance and then ask myself, do I really want to see that lion? I look around for a tree to climb "in case," but there is no tree. Yes—I turn back, and am still here to tell you that I saw the lion tracks!

We cross the river piggyback and are on our way back to the station, hot and dusty but happy to continue teaching prospective teachers so that there will be more classes in the villages.

It is a joy to serve the Lord. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few" (Matt. 9:37). The command is to go; "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matt. 28:19). Is your answer, "Here am I; send me"? 



# Yes, Lord

(With Reservations)

I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord,  
Real service is what I desire;  
I'll say what you want me to say, dear Lord—  
But don't ask me to sing in the choir.

I'll say what You want me to say, dear Lord,  
I like to see things come to pass;  
But don't ask me to teach boys and girls, dear Lord—  
I'd rather just stay in my class.

I'll do what You want me to do, dear Lord,  
I yearn for the kingdom to thrive;  
I'll give you my nickles and dimes, dear Lord—  
But please don't ask me to tithe.

I'll go where You want me to go, dear Lord,  
I'll say what You want me to say,  
But I'm busy just now with myself, dear Lord—  
I'll help You some other day.

—Author Unknown



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# **I'M A CHILD OF THE KING**

***SEE YOU AT WINONA LAKE!***

**AUGUST 4-8**

# THE SWITCHBOARD

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director; James Long, assistant to the director.

## Lines from Lewis

### THE LARGER THE CHURCH, THE BIGGER THE RESPONSIBILITY to the smaller ones.

"Sorry. We won't be participating in the district rally. Yes, we knew the date but we planned our own church youth activity on that weekend. Why participate when we can do it so much better on our own and meet our needs even more effectively?"

If you are working with youth in a larger Brethren church you may have thought twice about cooperating with district functions. Why make the extra effort to get coordinate schedules and submit to the viewpoints of others—people from new or smaller churches—churches that sometimes lack creative leadership?

I don't think it's stretching the meaning of I Corinthians 12:12-27 to say that some applications can be made for a fellowship of churches. The following verses are very practical for our day:

(21) "And the eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you'; or again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.'"

(22) "On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary;

(23) "and those members of the body, which we deem less honorable, on these we bestow more abundant honor, and our unseemly members come to have more abundant seemliness,

(24) "whereas our seemly members have no need of it. But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked,

(25) "that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another" (NASB).

There are many advantages to being in a fellowship of churches. One is that a larger, more established church can help the younger or weaker ones. Don't boycott the district; use it as a means of encouraging the smaller

(Continued on page 20)

## PSA INSIGHT

A National Fellowship of Brethren Churches Sunday School Report

### AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

of all reporting Sunday Schools\* . . . . . May, 1974-1961  
 . . . . . May, 1975-1965

### GROWTH INDEX BASED ON 173 REPORTING CHURCHES

May, 1974 weekly average attendance . . . . . 27,670  
 May, 1975 weekly average attendance . . . . . 28,578  
 NET GAIN in reporting churches . . . . . 908 persons or up 3.2 percent

### SUMMARY

88 churches registered increases totaling . . . . . 1,917  
 80 churches registered losses totaling . . . . . 1,009

Largest numerical increase . . . . . Union, Ohio  
 Largest percentage increase . . . . . Columbus, Ohio (Eastside)

\*The larger the number of reporting churches, the more accurately these figures will represent the church growth picture of the NFBC. We urge the total support of the churches of the NFBC in this computer-evaluated church growth analysis which is provided free of charge to churches of the Fellowship by the Christian Education Department.

### DIVISION WINNERS — MAY SS CONTEST

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RECORD ATTENDANCES—Kokomo, Ind. (North)—70; Canton, Ohio—204; Kenai, Alaska—58; Bethlehem, Pa.—80.



game away. The intent is for some all-competent "we" to impose instruction on incompetent "them"—whether or not they want to be instructed in what we have to teach.

A first step in getting away from the we-they/us-them syndrome might be to replace "to teach" with "to learn." Learning is not something we do for or to *them*. Neither is it something *they* can do for *us*. Learning—in contrast to being taught—implies self-direction, motivation, and initiation. It epitomizes the proper exercise of the spiritual freedom with which the redeemed person is endowed. It is one way to fulfill Paul's injunctions to "grow in grace."

The material used in this sort of Sunday School would reflect learners' needs rather than catering to the egos of teachers and organization leaders.

Learning, unfortunately, is not first on the list of what we have come to expect from Sunday School. Yet there is abundant evidence that a desire to learn is very strong among many adults. It is not that adults don't want to learn. It's just that Sunday School

torates to nearly 3 percent.

Educational research consistently indicates that the more education a person has, the more he or she values it. The rise in educational level can be expected to continue.

The adult Sunday School class has not kept pace with this rise in educational attainment. The Sunday School materials publishers are not to be faulted for this; they have produced what local church *leaders* seem to have wanted. Again, the we-they syndrome at work.

Despite tinkering with graphics and format, the approach to most adult Sunday School curriculum materials has not changed materially in decades. They still are aimed at the lowest common denominator. The goal has been to bring abstract concepts down to earth and make it possible for every person to grasp at least an edge of them and to be elevated somewhat by doing that.

# Adult Sunday School Needs to Grow Up

When looked at this way, Sunday School really should not be expected to offer very much to adults. Yet the feeling persists that people ought both to expect a lot and to get a lot from Sunday School—and that they would if we just *changed* something. Maybe if we spent more time or money . . . or get better people involved . . . or used different teaching materials . . . or re-organized . . . or, well, did *something* different.

Changes often do, in fact, create renewed expectations for a period. But sooner or later, when these expectations are not realized, interest begins to lag. And the round of "improvements" begins . . . again, and again, and again.

Doubtless, this pattern will continue as long as the "we-they/us-them" attitude on which Sunday School is based continues. This kind of thinking is implied in the goal or purpose of Sunday School: "To teach . . ." No matter what is filled in to complete the statement, "to teach" gives the

hasn't proved to be the place in which to do it. Perpetuation of the we-they/us-them syndrome seems to be the chief reason.

People of the same age may be at different levels of learning ability. One important factor in the ability to learn is the level of educational attainment, and this level for the population as a whole is rising. Ten years ago slightly more than one person in six went on to earn a four-year degree; in 1976, approximately 23 percent of those who entered first grade in 1960 are expected to graduate with a bachelor's degree. And a larger percentage of college graduates continue for advanced degrees. Of all degrees conferred in 1945, 87 percent were four-year degrees, 12 percent were master's, and 1 percent were doctorates. But by 1972, bachelor's degrees were only 77 percent of all degrees conferred; master's had increased to 20 percent, and doc-

Whatever their formal educational experience, many mature persons—especially those raised in Sunday School and church—are capable of moving beyond these easy-to-grasp presentations to somewhat meatier material. And more expressive and mature language can be used to present these concepts. Those capable of greater comprehension need to have their potential realized, too.

Self-selection of learning methods and materials could be offered. If publishers of adult Sunday School materials adopted this method, everyone would not be required to conform to the lowest common denominator.

Another possibility is cooperation between churches and Christian col-

# Sesame Seed-Thoughts

## NATIONAL CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE


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*A ministry of the Christian Education Department*

By Phil Landrum

leges to provide college-level courses for credit through the Sunday School. Although this may be a novel idea for Sunday School, it isn't novel for colleges. Other social institutions already are cooperating with colleges to structure their educational programs so that members can obtain college credit for particular learning experiences.

A suggestion of Christian-college/Sunday School partnership would be met in a we-they/us-them environment with complaints of "elitism." But when we assume control of our own goals and aims in the Sunday School, we can be free to sample a variety of levels and systems of learning and to find those that suit us best. Undoubtedly, some of us will opt for a college-level course because we feel that it confers greater status upon those who participate in it; the desire to feel important is very strong among some adults. But for that matter, to say that it is bad for *another person* to strive for status through the Sunday School is to revert to the we-they/us-them syndrome.


Unfortunately, "to learn" is not at the top of everybody's list of expectations about the Sunday School. But self-directed, self-aware, and self-motivated adults can create a Sunday School of new opportunities for Christian growth. 

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### Lines from Lewis *(Continued from pg. 18)*

churches who could not enjoy the degree of fellowship and programs were it not for the support of the larger ones.

The attitude is still important here though. As it states in verse 24 "whereas our seemingly members have no need of it," perhaps the more established groups could help the weaker ones not by reminding others of "how great we do it" but "how much potential you have."

It is also very important that the smaller church is willing to accept the help and ideas of the more established group. Envy or pride can hurt any relationship. District activities might be a good place to teach that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." 

"Wasn't that tremendous how much Bryan changed in those last two days?"

"It was great seeing how interested the kids got in the Narnia books."

"Jerry Franks on his trumpet and Edgar Lovelady on the banjo were the highlight of the week."

"Those Ken Anderson films were great."

"Do you remember (with a smile coming across her face) that time when Debbie put little Winkie Bear up over the partition right in the middle . . ."

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There's nothing like teachers' memories, are there? And the memories of children's conference are still there from last year. Teachers will not forget those little crises, spills, joys, discipline problems, delights, highlights, embarrassing moments, and so forth.

But there's good news for parents who will be bringing their children (ages nursery through 11) to national conference with them again this year. For children's conference is much more than a reality.

Here we go . . . one more time.

You might say that *we are only just beginning*, for our theme this year will be "Beginnings . . ." In keeping with the theme we will feature the beginning of . . . (1) the world, (2) our problems, (3) our hope, (4) our Bible. Ultimately, we hope every child will bring a new relationship (5) with God. Other highlights:

**Films**—Every morning (children's conference will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the Winona Lake Brethren Church), we will feature an adventure film from Ken Anderson Films. Anderson films featuring puppets will be spotlighted throughout each day as well.

**Musical program**—Each day our 8 through 11 year olds will practice for a musical concert they will be giving to the entire conference later in the week. "I Like the Sound of America" is its name and all children 8 to 11 years old are asked to bring a patriotic, red, white, and blue outfit with them.

**Speakers**—Somewhere around 25 different special speakers will be giving presentations. Many of them will be in the 2 through 7 year old groups in three short segments featuring something informative, something dramatic, something spiritual.


**Puppets**—Winkie Bear will be back, you can bet on that. Also a bunch of other special puppets—including the Child Evangelism Tree House (TV program) Club and a special presentation of marionettes during the week as well.

**Bible based**—The entire conference will be dedicated to helping your child learn more about the Bible both in rote facts as well as spiritual meaning. Filmstrips and flannelgraphs will aid the learning.

**Books**—"Easy Reader" will be back. You can look forward to "Easy Reader" checking out your name tag . . . reading the "exit" signs and everything else in sight. "Easy" will also be bringing daily book reports about books that will be offered for sale at the book table.

**Refreshments**—We've got the "Bread of Life." But we've also got cookies and punch. Usually, these will follow neighborhood hikes or outdoor games.

All of this will be wrapped in the "Sanctified Sesame Street" approach to children's conference that we initiated last year.

Will this year be a new "beginning" for your child? 

on a blue monday

# is it all

*"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

*"Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."—1 Peter 4:10-11 NASB*

Monday is only the first day of the week after Sunday the real first day of the week . . . and no doubt at least a couple of us pastors experience the blues whether we wash or not.

Maybe that guy who said he would show up at church yesterday never did come, and you were holding your breath almost to the offering. . . .

Maybe no one responded at the invitation yesterday, and you know very well what you said was good, and if they had heard you on radio a lot of people would have thought it was Billy Graham, or at least Richard DeHaan, or maybe Oswald Hoffman. . . .

Maybe even your wife didn't like your latest idea for a change at the church, and neither did the board, and in fact you later pretended that you weren't the one who thought of it in the first place. . . .

Maybe you've had a cold month . . . and your Bible reading and praying have been pretty mechanical, and you have even skipped using "Daily Devotions" except the day you wrote the devotional . . . and even that sounded canned. . . .

Where's all this bliss that's supposed to be in the pastoral ministry? is a question we just might have to ask if honest sometimes. . . . Even I have approached the idea of perhaps becoming a bit discouraged approximately perchance . . . .

But let's shift gears and remember the joy side of being a shepherd. A playing-coach. A pastor.

Granted that we better be trying some new methods, and not say "This is the Brethren way," or "This is the way we did it for 33 years . . ." or "That's not the way it is in the pastoral theology book. . . ."

Granted that we need to examine our own lives to be filled with the grace of God and the person of Jesus Christ through His Spirit. . . .

But let's also remember briefly the great things that have happened.

## for instance that prayer part

You have seen answers to prayer even if you have just prayed a little a day to keep the doctor away. . . .

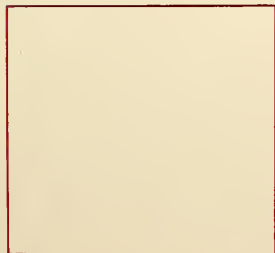
Your boys and girls have grown into ministering, mature Christians . . . people in the hospital have gotten well . . . your family has been happy. . . .

People have presented private prayer requests to you that you would not dream of sharing with anyone else . . . and you have prayed and a week later they have said how wonderfully the whole thing has worked out. . . .

You have prayed for the right person to show up for a needy ministry in the church, and there he is, or she. Time after time.

# worth- while?

by Knute Larson





You have had chances to love people that no one else has . . .

Who tells their needs to others like he tells them to you?

You have had the chance to hear young people tell what their doubts are and to love them and show them where to find assurance and what to do in their struggle. . . .

You have had a chance to serve people without bonus or overtime and even though some haven't appreciated it sometimes you know they have been helped and that the Chief Shepherd is keeping track.

You have stood with people when they got married, been the first except the hospital people to see their baby . . . and sat with them to cry when they lost one of themselves to death. . . .

You have listened, and been Rogerian. And then talked, and been nouthetic. And someone else has left your office helped. . . .

You have had the chance to just sit there while someone tells you about his bursitis or his bankbook and where the pain is, and he wouldn't tell those things to his wife but he needed to say it to someone. . . .

You have gone into homes where they have never heard about Christ and even though they didn't want to hear they did, and maybe some of it will get through their thick hearts someday and they'll surprise you by coming to church and even deciding to give their lives to Jesus Christ. . . .

You have stood in front of people for a half hour twice on Sundays and talked to them, and if that's not presumptuous and a privilege, I don't know what it is. You have shared the Word which gets to you, and it's getting to them, and things are happening. . . .

They have listened and you have heard someone saying, "Here's what our pastor said about that." . . .

You have helped people decide what to buy for a house . . . what missionary to support, who to pray for, how to get along with that witch next door . . . what spiritual ministries in the church should be theirs. . . .

You have talked with neurotics and hypochondriacs and sick people and then you remember that's the kind of people Jesus talked to . . . and it makes you glad you can carry on some of His activities . . . and some of them are learning to love themselves. . . .

You have often been the first to talk to a frightened girl led into your office by an embarrassed mother and an indignant father to tell the tale of the parked car. . . .

You have been the best friend of the shut-in who doesn't see many others, the hero of the little boy who thinks even the way you comb your hair is spiritual . . . the authority and conscience of the high school girl who might act like a rebel at times . . . the shoulder for people with a thousand real and imagined fears . . . the leader for a wife whose husband couldn't care less . . . the understander for a husband whose wife doesn't listen well.

You have watched people who thought you were the only reverend learn that they are ministers, too, and they have developed a ministering life-style, and pitched in. More of the team is getting on the playing field. . . .

You are the shepherd and you love your sheep with all your heart . . . and they need you if you're doing the work of the pastorate, and getting them into the ministry . . . and after all is said and done . . .

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**Jesus Christ will get the glory . . .**

And that makes the whole thing worthwhile!

A photograph of a person sitting on a bench inside a wooden gazebo. The gazebo is surrounded by dense, lush green foliage and trees. The person is looking out towards a bright, open area, possibly a lake or a clearing. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

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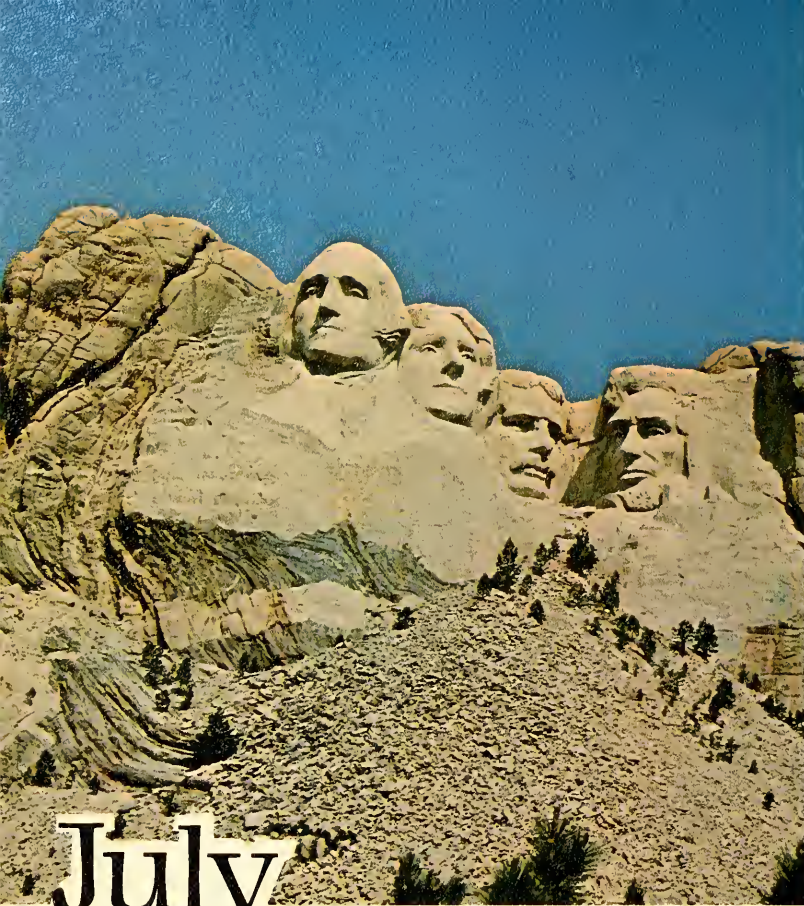
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# July

is the month of

## Patriots & Publications!

July has been a traditional month to think of patriotism and the founding of our country. But July is also the month of emphasis on *publications* in the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. For many years our Fellowship has taken offerings to meet the needs of printing the truth. Our needs are great this year because new equipment is necessary to expand our work. Also offerings help to cover the losses of the *Herald* magazine. Each year it costs thousands of dollars more to print the magazine than is collected in subscriptions and page costs from the boards.

Our offering goal is \$50,000 from the Fellowship. It breaks down to \$10.00 for each family. Your help is needed. Give through your local church.

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# HERALD

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Progress in the Churches

The Summer Sunshine of Home Missions



**Cover Photo:**  
What sunshine does for the summer, progress in its churches does for Brethren Home Missions. See the reports on Akron, Bethlehem, Montclair, and North Kokomo. (Photo by Lester E. Pifer)

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## Dear Editor

□ I was somewhat surprised by the letter printed in the June 1 issue under "Dear Editor" which criticized the March 15 *Herald* cover showing a production of the Grace College Dramatics Department.

Although I did not agree with the letter writer's opinion concerning the cover picture, he is certainly entitled to express his *own* opinion on the matter. I found it regrettable, however, that the writer chose to impute his own opinions to several former Brethren leaders who are no longer with us and, therefore, cannot agree or disagree with him concerning the matter in question.

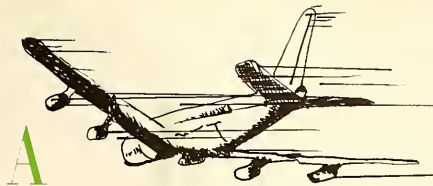
If these men were still among us and could express their own thoughts, the writer might well have been surprised to discover that they possibly didn't share his views at all. Let's let each man speak for himself.—*France*  
 P.S. Thank you for the quality magazine you are producing and for the increasing number of articles that hit hard at some of the real problems in evangelical circles. May the Lord continue to bless and guide you as you seek to inform and teach Brethren people through your excellent magazine.

□ This quarter's study on *The World of Unseen Spirits* is great! I am selling too many of them to have enough for our class so I must order another dozen immediately to keep supplied.

The Teacher's Resource Packet by James Long is fine, too. He states that for Sunday, August 31 (the 14th Sunday in the quarter), a review of the material would be appropriate. However, our people are so interested in the topics that they have asked that we go much slower each week. So we may take two quarters to cover the book! Why hurry when you are in "good stuff"?—*South Carolina*

Address your letter to the editor, Rev. Charles W. Turner, Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. All letters must be signed, although names will not be used in the magazine.





# A Progressive Alternative to Busing

By Charles W. Turner  
Editor

One of the secrets of success is to be a step ahead of someone else. This is not always an easy task to accomplish because the active mind can come up with some mighty clever and innovative ideas. In this day and age the church is not in an isolated world of its own, but it is continually affected by progressive ideas of promotion. I do not intend to infer that all these so-called modern "Madison Avenue" ideas are either right or wrong. The goal of using a variety of means to bring people under the hearing of the Gospel of Jesus Christ might well be justified by using the statement of Paul that all means and methods are in order. I stand amazed at the original concepts of promotion that separate the men from the boys when it comes to attracting people.

Let me cite a few of some of the working ideas that stand out like stellar stars in attracting people. In the "Olden Days" there was a very simple little gimmick called the Record-Breaking Sunday. On the momentous day when the attendance in Sunday School passed the previous goal, someone shattered a shiny black record of "Heavenly Sunshine." Since our method of recording has changed, the modern version of this event is to unravel a cassette and call it Pull-Out-the-Tape Sunday. We occasionally have a Pack-a-Pew Sunday, but that is almost "old hat" now. Promising snow on Christmas Day is an effective promotion deal—particularly if you are in a climate where the temperature will be in the 90s (more or less). A California pastor was able to deliver this miracle by the use of a snowmaking machine.

How about the "World's Largest Sundae"? It helps to use those ever-popular "world" phrases, you know. I heard of one pastor who used several hundred gallons of ice cream to pull off the sundae promotion idea. How

about the largest popcorn ball? Too late, it has already been discovered. One church recently took everyone to lunch at McDonalds—all 900 of them! If this catches on, McDonalds will keep moving towards the good old 20 billion mark.

There are other ideas to get people into church, but none has worked as well as the idea of busing. It is a very old idea. As proof of this statement I must admit that as a child I remember seeing Sunday School buses. Before I was very old my father had used several old Fords to transport children of the neighborhood to the First Brethren Church in Akron, Ohio. Later the church purchased a bus, and there is still evidence of the fruit of labor from such efforts. People were brought to church and they found Christ through the teaching of the Word of God.

But simple busing has progressed to a sizable project, and bus fleets have grown as have the churches and Sunday Schools that have used them. I hear of bus routes that extend for hundreds of miles—and this is no joke! Some drivers are scheduled to begin their pick ups at six o'clock in the morning in order to reach the outer limits of their routes. It has been estimated that in completing their rounds some buses may pass as many as a hundred other churches. I would be the last to condemn such zeal because there is so little honest effort exercised

to reach out to the millions beyond.

Nevertheless, for the past months I have had a feeling that busing is beginning to probe the outer limits of its potential. What I am saying is—there has to be a better idea—a more up-to-date system. Since someone is sure to think of it sooner or later, let me go on record as the one to suggest the untapped possibility of airlifting. It would break down the limits of those 150-mile bus routes and could reach across state lines. Formerly a church was a neighborhood concept. However, busing has made the church a multicommunity concept, but now airlifting could make it a multistate affair. Think of the same time spent on a bus route being transformed to a plane route. Who will be the first to use a 747 to airlift 300 people from St. Louis to Los Angeles? After all, the time is no problem—we have proved it is not a noticeable handicap. Some pastor in Florida could bring in a load from Memphis, Tennessee, or Atlanta, Georgia, in a little over an hour. He could feed them after the service at McDonalds and have them back home in time to see the Sunday afternoon football game or, better yet, have a TV on the plane!

Does this sound far out to you? For all I know someone has already thought of the idea and is presently selling church bonds to finance the deal. The church is never stagnant in its progress, but just remember you heard it here first—or did you?

Now some of you are scratching your heads and saying, "No, I don't believe it could happen!" It will. The place of progressive ideas in the church is firmly established and buses may someday be as old-fashioned as "record-breaking day." Perhaps in our generation every progressive church may have its own airport. My only hope is the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be used to greet each new arrival. ☞



The chapel provides the "traditional" atmosphere for meaningful worship services, led by Pastor Ronald Guiles.



An offering of over \$1,400 filled the hole in the ground on ground-breaking day.

As a boy growing up in a Philadelphia neighborhood, we had a saying about someone who appeared to be particularly slow or inept at what he was doing. We would say of that person, "He's dead, but too dumb to lie down." We did not mean this to be a complimentary term. It was an insult.

Well, insult or not, this expression can be properly applied to the First Brethren Church of Allentown, Pennsylvania. For years people said, "That church is dead. It will never do anything. It might as well close up." The problem was that even though the church was dead, it was too dumb to lie down. It kept trying, even in the midst of very discouraging setbacks: more than half of its people left; it was an inner-city location with no parking facilities; and there was little confidence in the future.

Finally, in a step of desperation, the people voted to apply to The Brethren Home Missions Council for

help. The Council promised help on the condition that the church relocate in a new community. The church agreed and became a home missions point. They sold the old building, moved to Bethlehem (Pennsylvania), and purchased six and one-half acres of property in that area. The name of the church was changed to the Lehigh Valley Grace Brethren Church and a new era began. The church was dead, but it was too dumb to lie down.

For my part, I had been told by many well-meaning people, "Don't go to that church." One person who knew I had already committed myself there said, "Well, if it doesn't work out, you can always leave in a year." The person who said that was sure it wouldn't work out.

But I knew that God had called me to Bethlehem. When I first talked to Dr. Lester E. Pifer about home missions, he said there were two churches that needed pastors; one in Bethlehem,

and one in another state where I had always thought I would like to live. He gave me the choice of candidating at either one. When I responded to his question, I was surprised to hear myself saying, "Bethlehem."

I remember my first Sunday there. I had just come from being associate pastor in a relatively good sized, well-organized church. It had a good financial base and a large core of dedicated people. When I arrived in Bethlehem, they were meeting in a small, one-room building, affectionately known by the local residents as "the barn." There were just 30 people and a small offering that morning. But this was just the beginning and, like that small core of people, I was stubborn. Perhaps that is why we have worked so well together.

We began reorganizing our program and began knocking on doors. We moved our meeting place from "the barn" to the Moravian College chapel in

# The Church That Was Too Dumb To Die

By Pastor Ronald Guiles

Bethlehem. Here the Lord provided us with a beautiful chapel and lots of classroom space.

During the first few months not too much really happened. Finally, in November things really began to pop. A new family got saved and came into the church. Most of our core of people rededicated their lives and committed themselves to the work here. More people were saved and the excitement grew. Then I realized why the church was too dumb to lie down: it wasn't dead yet!

At our year-end business meeting in January 1975, I challenged the people to take two goals: one—double our year-end attendance by June 1; two—begin building by June 1. We set both goals. We missed the first one by just a little bit, and the second is now history. We started building before June.

Interestingly, the week we voted to start building, Mr. Ralph Hall of Brethren Architectural Service called and asked about our building plans and if we would like to use the construction crew. The Lord was leading. Excitement really began to grow now, and the people continued to pray, and to give, and to go into the community to witness. Since that first Sunday our attendance has tripled and our offer-



ings have more than doubled. The people are not satisfied to talk about a first unit building, but are already planning to put up two units. They are already talking about the church going self-supporting.

On May 11, we held our groundbreaking service. It was really a day of victory. Lehigh Valley Grace Brethren Church was alive and well. Rev. Luke Kauffman, chairman of the Northern Atlantic District Missions Board, was the featured speaker at the service. We dug a hole in the ground and challenged the people to fill it with money for our building fund. Our offering for that one service was \$1,450. There were 16 public decisions on that day, 8 first-time decisions and 8 rededications.

Being the pastor of this congregation has been a wonderful experience for me. It has shown me how God is able to overrule all the well-meaning prophets of doom. But more than that, it has demonstrated that God will honor the faith and determination of a small handful of people who are "too dumb" to know that they ought to lie down and give up. We are praising the Lord for what He has done, and are looking forward to what He is going to do at the Lehigh Valley Grace Brethren Church.

The chapel on the picturesque campus of Moravian College provides a unique setting for the church at Bethlehem.



Rev. Richard Bell became pastor of the church in June of 1974.



# A Light in the North

By Pastor Richard Bell

There was one established Grace Brethren Church in Kokomo, Indiana, five years ago, and its pastor had the vision to see another church on the north side of town. Rev. Richard Sellers, then pastor of the Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church, began praying about and talking about this possibility.

Today that "possibility" has taken on the form of bricks and shingles and is known as the North Kokomo Grace Brethren Church. Dedication of the new building, a dream come true, was held May 18, 1975.

Four families established the nucleus of this branch church. The Croddys, Eckrights, Murrays, and Wandles held their first service July 11, 1971. With meetings being held in the American Legion Hall in Galveston, Mr. Donald Bowlin, a student in Grace Theological Seminary, was called as pastor on a part-time basis.

Thoughts turned to the purchase of land for a building as the group experienced regular growth. With financing by the Brethren Investment Foundation, six acres of land were purchased on U.S. 31, five miles north of Kokomo.

In February of 1974, the church decided upon a more suitable meeting place, and rented a large room on Ap-

person Way, north of Kokomo. Pastor Bowlin resigned in June of 1974 to receive more training, and Rev. Richard E. Bell was called to be the new pastor.

With a building program in the near future, the work was adopted as a national point by The Brethren Home Missions Council. The full cycle of services was used by the church, including Brethren Architectural Service for the plans, Brethren Investment Foundation for financing, and Brethren Construction Company for building.

Many people donated time and equipment to bring about the completion of the church. Men from the Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church, Peru Brethren Church, and our own church helped do rough construction. Mr. Don Blakely of Dayton, Ohio, donated the use of a forklift and scaffolding. Mr. Dale Miller of Indianapolis donated the use of a bulldozer for preparing the parking lot. Mr. Don Dake of Dayton, Ohio, donated his time to spray paint the inside of the church building. Members of the local congregation spent many hours preparing the church for dedication.

Dedication day and a week of evangelistic meetings began on Sunday morning, May 18, 1975. The Lord's blessing was seen from the start with a record Sunday School attendance of 70. Special meetings began in the morning worship service with Evangelist Bill Smith.

At 2:30 that afternoon, 191 church members and friends from Indiana, Ohio, Maryland, and Iowa experienced a thrilling dedication service. Special music was provided by Ed Lewis, director of Youth Ministries for the Christian Education Department, and a stirring message was given by Evangelist Smith. Also, having a part in the program were Rev. Larry Gegner, pastor, Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church; Rev. A. Rollin Sandy, chairman, Indiana District Mission Board; Rev. Michael Rockafellow, pastor, Grace Brethren Church, Flora; Rev.



The sanctuary, packed with 191 on dedication afternoon, features a crisp, clean look.

With a seating capacity of 150, the North Kokomo building contains 4,300 square feet. Designed for a future addition, the present space would become the educational wing.



Evangelist Bill Smith of Winona Lake, dedication speaker, made the point that God can use anything for His glory.

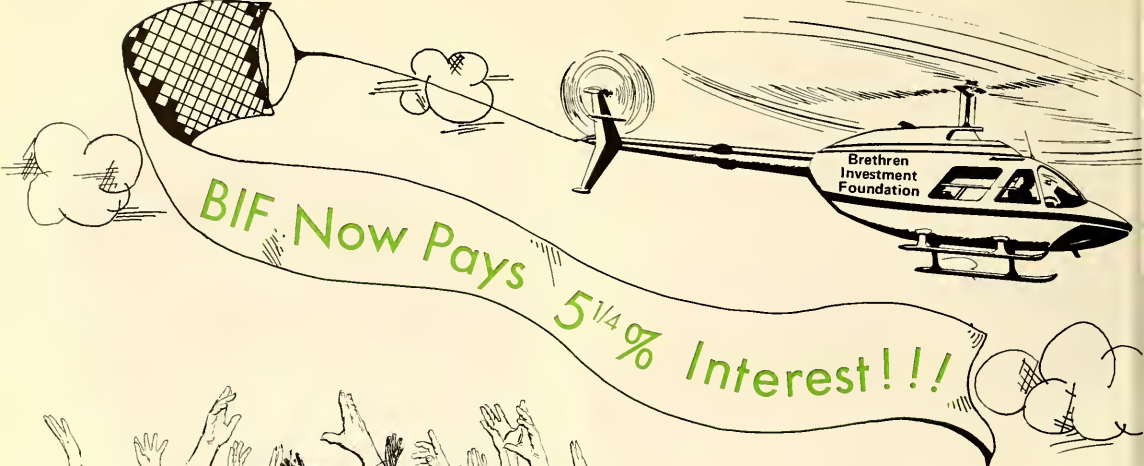
Ralph Hall, architect, Brethren Architectural Service; Mr. Wilmer Witt, construction superintendent, Brethren Construction Company; Mr. Jerry Pyle, building committee representative; and Dr. Lester Pifer, executive secretary, The Brethren Home Missions Council. Following the dedication service, guests enjoyed a reception and the opportunity to look around the beautiful new church facilities.

The Lord continued to bless throughout the week in evening crusade meetings. In every service of the crusade, hands were raised for prayer and by the end of the week nine decisions were made publicly. The evening

attendance averaged 45 with a high of 60. It was exciting to see new people attending the services, hearing God's messages, and making decisions for Christ.

Dedication Sunday marked the end of months of hard work and a lot of prayers which went into making a man's dream a reality. It also marked the beginning of more days of work and prayer to develop the nucleus of believers into a growing congregation which can truly be the "Light in the North."





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# More Room for the Other 90 Percent

By Pastor Allen Herr



Rev. Allen Herr, pastor at Montclair.

Based on some exciting attendance figures, the need for expanded facilities has become increasingly apparent in Montclair, California. Since April 1972, the morning attendance of the Grace Brethren Church has doubled each year.

We never cease to marvel at what the Lord has done, and is doing, as this home mission church continues to reach out to the people of the community. It is so outstanding that everyone, even unbelievers, attribute it to the working of the Lord through the Holy Spirit.

On this positive note, a typically beautiful California Sunday took on added significance May 11. Not only was it Mother's Day, but it was also ground-breaking day for the new educational unit of our church. Rev. Robert W. Thompson, western field secretary of Brethren Home Missions, was the guest speaker.

The need for more space was apparent not only to church leaders, but to the membership in general. The plans for expansion were presented to Brethren Home Missions in August of 1974. With financing provided by the Brethren Investment Foundation, the go-ahead sign was given. The exciting news was announced to the congregation and, without one dissenting vote, the proposal to proceed was accepted.

Unforeseen at the time were the



Pastor Allen Herr takes the first step toward completion of the building, a step long awaited by the congregation.



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# Church on the Rebound

By Tim Rager



No basketball team makes 100 percent of its shots, therefore the coach keeps a close eye on the rebounding statistics. By getting an offensive rebound, a team has another chance to score.



Pastor and Mrs. James Kennedy

In much the same way, a home mission church must be good at rebounding. If a pastor leaves, it may be a while before another comes. Discouragement sets in—time for a rebound. Several key families move away and gaps are left in the church program ... another rebound is needed.

One Brethren Home Mission church has been on the rebound recently. When Pastor James Kennedy went to the Fairlawn Brethren Church in April 1973, the attendance was 15. The attendance at the church now runs consistently around the 100 mark for Sunday School and the morning worship service.

Based on recent trends, Pastor Kennedy is optimistic about the future of the work.

"Last year we won the Sunday School attendance contest for Division J with a yearly average increase in attendance of 83 percent. This year we hope to do the same—probably with about a 60 percent increase for the year."

The history of the church goes back to 1950 when a Bible class was started in the home of Mrs. Ruth Spicer. Taught by Dr. Raymond E. Gingrich, the class disbanded and restarted several times.

Regular services began in December of 1957 with 22 in attendance for the first service. A year later, the church began receiving assistance from Brethren Home Missions. Ground was broken for a building in the fall of 1959, and the structure was dedicated the following summer.

The church was never able to attain self-supporting status under the home mission program during the following years. In fact, only a handful of people remained when Pastor Kennedy arrived in the spring of 1973.

From that point, however, the trend has been upward.

"We have found this to be true," notes the pastor, "as the church is active in door-to-door visitation, the Lord blesses us with new people. They're not necessarily the ones we have contacted, but new ones walk in the door. If we are inactive, nothing happens."

Home Bible studies are also a major tool to stimulate growth. Besides the midweek service at the church, studies are held in the home of Craig Christner and Raymond Legg. Mrs. Virginia Kennedy teaches two ladies Bible studies which meet on a weekday. Average attendance is eight.

One of Pastor Kennedy's main objectives is to develop a strong bond among his people.

"The concept of Christian love is stressed in all of our services. We ask



The congregation of the morning worship service.



The Sunday afternoon Bible study group.

our people to seek out one another to love, encourage where needed, and to pray when possible.

"They pray for the pastor during the services as well as themselves and those close by. We emphasize I John 3:11, 'For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.'"

The schedule of Sunday services at Fairlawn is unique. Following the

regular Sunday School and morning worship service, a noon fellowship meal is held at the church. A Bible study in the afternoon replaces the evening service. This setup is used in the interest of economy since many people drive quite a distance.

A key reason in the pastor's mind for the Lord's blessing on the church is the total involvement of the people.

"All regular attenders choose a



The nursery group and their parents.

church committee on which to serve for one year. The committees meet quarterly and make recommendation to our church council."

Studying the Word, knocking on doors, sharing Christian love, and working together as a unit are all Biblical principles that make strong churches. Based on these principles, the Fairlawn Brethren Church has been a church on the rebound.

## ROOM FOR 90%

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many delays and hindrances that would need to be cleared. The title insurance company demanded recording of the deed of trust even before ground breaking. The local planning commission led one man to comment, "Surely the AntiChrist will come out of some planning commission!" They were a great barrier.

All the setbacks, however, gave the pastor and the local believers an opportunity to give witness of God's grace in patience before unsaved city administrators and committee members.

Finally, after more than seven months of waiting, the building permit was granted and legal matters began to be completed.

Our new facilities will provide space for Sunday School classes, a nursery, kitchen, and secretary's office. We also anticipate that the addition will relieve crowded conditions at love feasts and church related functions.

Some renovation of the present sanctuary and classrooms is included in the project. The seating capacity of

the auditorium will be increased from 140 to 250. A new public address system already in use will be installed permanently.

The people of Montclair know for certain that Brethren across the country have been praying for us. We gratefully acknowledge all your prayer effort and support with thankful hearts. We look at our plans as a challenge by our precious Saviour to serve Him more diligently until He comes.

Less than 10 percent of the population of Montclair are Christians, so we are faced with a field "white already to harvest." We anticipate that this summer will prove to be one that will call for the utmost in all of us to accomplish the most in the least amount of time for God's glory. With the nearness of Christ's coming, we sense with new urgency Paul's warning, "But this I say, brethren, the time is short" (I Cor. 7:29).

We solicit your continued prayer support in all that we endeavor to accomplish for Him so that "both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together" (John 4:36).

## Corporation Meeting Notice

The corporations of The Brethren Home Missions Council and Brethren Investment Foundation will hold their annual meeting on Tuesday, August 5, 1975, in the Rodeheaver Auditorium, Winona Lake, Indiana, at 9:45 a.m.

# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

**Leesburg, Ind.** Pastor and Mrs. Ralph Burns celebrated their 25th year in the ministry on Sunday, May 23. They started their ministry at the Pleasant Valley Community Church and have since served four Grace Brethren Churches: First Brethren Church of Clay City, Ind.; First Brethren Church of Altoona, Pa.; Geistown Grace Brethren Church of Johnstown, Pa.; and the Leesburg Brethren Church of Leesburg, Ind.

A dinner-reception followed the morning service where several special people and events were remembered. These included recognition of the first couple that Pastor Burns married and his first church pianist, tapes with messages of congratulations from members of former churches as well as greetings from Pastor William Steffler, whose loving guidance helped lead Pastor and Mrs. Burns into the ministry. Memorable recognition was also given to them by their son and daughter who joined them in this celebration.

## *In Memory*

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**CONRAD, S. Stella**, 87, May 17. A faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church of Danville, Ohio, where she served many years as deaconess. Edward Wingard, pastor.

**HAMMOND, Priscilla**, 74, May 3. A faithful member of the Everett Grace Brethren Church. She was a Sunday School teacher for many years. Homer Lingenfelter, pastor.

**HOWERTON, Hugh**, 67, May 24. He was killed instantly in an auto accident. He was a member of the Community Grace Brethren Church of Prosser, Wash. William Shelby, pastor.

**HOWERTON, Viola**, 65. She died of injuries obtained from an auto accident. She was a member of the Community Grace Brethren Church, Prosser, Wash. William Shelby, pastor.

**HOWSARE, Nancy**, 28, Oct. 1. She was a faithful member of the Everett Grace Brethren Church. Homer Lingenfelter, pastor.

**LANDIS, Charles E.**, 85, June 10. A beloved brother in the Lord and a faithful member and church officer of the Laurel Mt. Grace Brethren Church, Harry Nonnemacher, pastor.

**RAGER, Elizabeth**, Mar. 13. She was a faithful member of the Riverside Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa., and was the mother of Pastor Don Rager of Conemaugh, Pa.

**ROLAND, Carl C.**, 72, May 27. He faithfully attended the Everett Grace Brethren Church. Homer Lingenfelter, pastor.

**Notice.** The Brethren Missionary Herald Co. will not be able to furnish tapes of this year's national conference messages. Production problems and other complications have been encountered, and we regret not being able to make tapes available. We trust that conference delegates will understand and appreciate this early notification. Plan to bring tape recorders to record the music and messages of your choice.

**Osceola, Ind.** Rev. Ward Miller will assume the position of senior pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church in September. He has been serving as pastor of the Greenwood Grace Brethren Church, Modesto, Calif. Rev. Gordon Bracker, who has been pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church, will remain at the church as associate pastor.

**Changes.** Rev. Robert L. Firl, 2055 Raymond Ave., Ramona, Calif. 92065. Rev. Arthur Johnson, 1275 Orange Ave., Beaumont, Calif. 92223. Please change your *Annual*.

**Long Beach, Calif.** Members and friends of Brethren churches in southern California are invited to "tune in" to the "Sounds of Grace," a daily radio broadcast of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach with Dr. David Hocking as Bible teacher. The program can be heard Monday through Friday from 3:00-3:30 p.m. on KGER, 1390 on the AM dial.

## *Wedding Bells*

A six-months' free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to new subscribers whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Carolyn Carney and Larry Spangler, Apr. 5, Riverside Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa. Rev. David Plaster, pastor of the Armagh church, performed the ceremony, assisted by Pastor H. Don Rough.

Christine Welborn and Dennis Klotz, Apr. 5, Leesburg Brethren Church, Leesburg, Ind. Pastor Ralph Burns performed the ceremony.

Debbie Miller and Wayne Norwood, May 10, Grace Brethren Church, Kent, Wash. Pastor James McClellan performed the ceremony.

Sherrie VerBryck and Terry Lee Gleason, May 31, Grace Brethren Church, Richmond, Va. Pastor Ron E. Thompson performed the ceremony.

Judy Walters and Ron Herr / Pam Walters and John Haller, May 31, Woodville Grace Brethren Church, Mansfield, Ohio. The double wedding ceremony was performed by Pastor Wesley Haller (father of John) and Pastor M. L. Myers of Roanoke, Va.



**Columbus, Ohio.** Randy Bowman has been called by the Eastside Grace Brethren church to serve as a full-time assistant pastor. Randy and his wife, Lois, began their ministry June 1. Richard Sellers, pastor.

**Winona Lake, Ind.** A special patriotic musical will be presented by the third through sixth graders attending our National Children's Conference this year. The boys and girls should bring along an outfit of red, white, and/or blue clothing for the event.

**Long Beach, Calif.** First Brethren Church announces the beginning of a new Korean language ministry with Pastor Ben Oh and Kwang Ja Park. Sunday services began on June 1 with over 50 people in attendance. A Korean Brethren Church is being established which the church hopes will be a base for sending workers to the Orient. David Hocking, pastor.

**Winona Lake, Ind.** A 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held for Dr. and Mrs. Homer A. Kent, Sr., at the dining room of Grace Village, on Saturday, Aug. 2, 1975. Their children welcome you to come and go from 2:00-4:00 p.m. No gifts, please.

**Atlanta, Ga.** Bob Fetterhoff, son of Pastor and Mrs. Dean Fetterhoff, has been called to serve as minister of youth, bus work and evangelism during the summer at the Grace Brethren Church of Atlanta. Bob is a senior at Bob Jones University and has been active in beginning the new home mission works at Anderson and Aiken, S.C. Upon completion of his college training he is looking forward to furthering his studies at Grace Seminary. Dean Fetterhoff, pastor.

**New York (EP)**—Religion and the concept of "the socialist man" do not mix, but in Czechoslovakia they are supposed to coexist, and therein lies the problem for the country's atheists assigned the role of combatting the constitutionally guaranteed "mental drug."

The latest in a long series of articles on this subject appears in Nova Mysl, a Czechoslovakian paper, under the title of "Religion, Atheism, and Socialist Man," which starts from the premise that the Czechoslovak constitution permits the spreading of "religious beliefs" which leads, particularly among the young, to a "surprising interest in religious questions."

This acknowledged fact, in turn, leads the author of the article to suggest that Czechoslovak atheists must take "special approaches" to this problem. He said that atheist education should not only aim at "reforming believers" but also have a "preventive effect." The rest of the article suggests that the advice is simpler than the practice.

**Altoona, Pa.** The members of the First Brethren Church are praising the Lord for honors which were given to two of their SMM girls.

On Saturday, April 26, the Little Princess of the Year was crowned and the honor was given to Jennifer Sell. Then on Friday evening of May 30, Junie Meeker was the second runner-up for the SMM Girl of the Year. Both of these girls are active in the SMM program. Marvin Meeker, pastor.

# Meet Lyle Taylor

By Jack Cline

Lyle Taylor has been a very vital part of the development of the new Brethren boys ministry. Lyle is a member of the "Boys Committee" which consists of several men from our Fellowship who have dedicated their lives to help build the ministry of men to boys.

He is a contractor and member of the fire fighting unit of Harrah, Washington. He and his wife, Dorothy, and their three children live on the Yakima Indian Reservation and attend our Brethren church in Harrah, Washington.

Lyle has had many years of experience in working with boys through scouting. He has also used his interest in flying as a method of witnessing to boys and men about the Lord Jesus.

We wanted you to meet one of the men who is instrumental in developing the boys ministry. We still need your support as we move ahead in this very important outreach of our Fellowship. Remember—you can give through your local church to the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men or send your gift direct to our national treasurer, Dick Wells, 124 N. State Street, Westerville, Ohio 43081. Thank you for being so faithful in praying and giving to this ministry.



# Graduation '75



A total of 170 students were graduated from Grace Schools at commencement exercises in the Billy Sunday Tabernacle on Friday, May 23. This included 109 graduates of Grace College and 61 graduates of Grace Theological Seminary. (Photos by Terry White and Doug Conrad)

This photograph captures the moment when the graduates of Grace Schools gathered for a joyful spring morning in the heart of the tabernacle. The graduates, dressed in their academic regalia, are seen walking down the path, carrying their books and diplomas.



Dr. Herman A. Hoyt (left), president of Grace Schools, checks last-minute program arrangements with Dr. Homer Kent, Jr., dean of Grace Seminary and president-elect of Grace Schools. At right is Dr. Stephen Dearborn, professor of Bible in Grace College.

This lovely fountain highlights the courtyard of Grace Courts, the newly remodeled motel facility beside the Post Office on Park Avenue in Winona Lake. The 11 rooms feature an English Tudor decor and were used for the first time to host commencement guests.





Graduates, parents, and friends nearly filled the huge Billy Sunday Tabernacle in Winona Lake, Indiana, during this spring's commencement exercises for Grace Schools.



We finally made it! Holly Trumble Shippy is congratulated by her husband, Dennis, upon reaching the end of her Grace College career. Holly is a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Fremont, Ohio.

Alice Wallace (center), a graduating college senior from Everett, Pennsylvania, receives her diploma from President Hoyt while Dr. Vance Yoder, academic dean (right), continues announcing names of the graduates.





# Distinguished Alumni Honored

The respective alumni associations of Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College have this year named two current members of the Grace teaching staff as recipients of the 1975 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year awards. Professor Donald E. Ogden was named to the honor by the seminary and Dr. Edgar J. Lovelady received the college award.

Professor Ogden, who is well known throughout the Brethren Church for his years of travel with musical teams from Grace and for his work with the national conference music each summer, is currently professor of music and chairman of the division of fine arts at Grace College.

Having received his undergraduate and some graduate training at Bob Jones University, he was graduated from Grace Theological Seminary with the bachelor of divinity degree in 1954. In 1965 he was also awarded the master of music in choral conducting degree by Indiana University.

On the Grace faculty for the past 21 years, he also serves currently as advisor to the student council. He is the founder of the Grace College concert choir and the freshman choir, and directs the oratorio society on campus.

He is currently treasurer of the Lakeland Community Concert Association, and serves on the board of Riverwood Ranch for boys. In 1971 he was chosen by his colleagues and students to receive the Alva J. McClain Award for Excellence in Teaching, and was named a year later to Outstanding Educators of America.

In the citation, which was read at commencement this spring by Wayne Beaver of the seminary alumni association, Professor Ogden was acclaimed as being "widely known throughout Christian circles, and is dearly loved not only by his students, but also by the people in hundreds of churches across the United States to whom he has ministered."

Dr. Edgar J. Lovelady, recipient of the college distinguished alumnus award, is currently professor of English and chairman of the division of languages and literature at the college.

A graduate of Toronto Bible College, he was awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree with honor from Grace College in 1960. In 1963 he earned the master of divinity degree from Grace Theological Seminary, *summa cum laude*, and in 1966 earned the master of education degree from St. Francis College. After further graduate study at the Linguistics Institute of North Carolina State University, he was awarded the doctor of philosophy degree in English by Purdue University in 1974.

A member of the Grace College faculty since 1966, Dr. Lovelady also currently is the advisor of the student yearbook. He is a member of several professional honor societies, has been named to Outstanding Educators of America, and earlier this spring was awarded the 1975 Alva J. McClain Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Cited by Ron Kinley of the college alumni association as a "modern day Renaissance man," Dr. Lovelady was noted for his "quiet dignity, seriousness of purpose, and untiring diligence in scholarly pursuits."

He has excelled in a third discipline—music—in addition to English and theology. Noted as a concert guitarist and teacher of stringed instruments, he frequently serves as a studio musician for recording sessions, and has composed and recorded scores for Christian motion pictures.



(left) Dr. Edgar Lovelady  
(right) Professor Donald Ogden

By Dr. Herman Hoyt

One day has succeeded another with such amazing rapidity that the 38th year in the history of Grace Schools is now history. It has been a wonderful year: a year marked by victory and progress ministered by the grace of God. In the face of surging currents of confusion, an omnipotent and gracious God has preserved Grace Schools. He has encouraged and worked in its faculty a determination to stand for the faith in all facets of its operation. He has granted to the school a student body seeking instruction in the divine absolutes of revealed truth. He has worked in more than a thousand students the sanctifying

other end the sources of income can be expected to diminish. On the purely human level, Grace Schools can well expect to be the victim of this insuperable phenomenon.

But the grace of God has provided for Grace Schools a contrary experience. Administration and faculty have been enabled to demonstrate remarkable frugality. On the other side, the constituency of Grace Schools has shown increased liberality. Giving has gone up this year over last year. A close examination of the sources of income reveal the fact that the alumni have given more than one-third of the entire amount. A look at the gifts from the faculty, the staff, and the administration of Grace Schools indicates that approximately 10 percent of

alumni is not far from 4,000. In almost every facet of the school's operation new interest is being demonstrated by this growing army. This is a sign of health and a welcome token pointing the way to the future. No group of people are more important to the future of a school than those who have benefited by instruction within its halls. As an overall national average a few years back, only about 8 percent of the alumni showed any interest in the school from which they graduated. If giving is any indication of deep interest, it will come as great encouragement to those who read this column to know that 30 percent of our alumni are now giving to Grace Schools. We are expecting that many more will join the ranks.

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grace of holiness and piety. He has provided the necessary funds for meeting the rising budget in an escalating economy. The God of creation and the God of history in working all things after the counsel of His own will has been all things to Grace Schools.

### The Grace of Giving to Grace

Schools face a paradoxical economy. On the one hand there is almost a wild escalation developing all across the world. On the other hand there is a receding economy that completely bewilders economists possessing the greatest expertise. Schools are caught in the squeeze between these two pressures. Even though the greatest efforts are made to exercise frugality in the creation of a budget, rising costs at one end can be expected and at the

the giving has come from that source. This is a clear indication that these people at the helm believe in what they are doing. In the calendar year 1974, one-tenth of the gifts for the entire year were received from the Winona Lake Brethren Church. From 20 churches throughout the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, more than half of the gifts were received to preserve and perpetuate the ongoing ministry of Grace Schools.

The grace of giving as manifest in our entire Fellowship is signal reason for thanksgiving on the part of us all.

### Alumni Are Demonstrating New Interest

With the addition of 1974 graduates to the number of alumni in this 38th year of the school, the number of

If you could examine the records you would be astounded at the giving of some. It is not surprising to find alumni who give anywhere from \$100 to \$500 each year. One alumnus and his wife gave \$2,400 last year. Knowing what it costs to live and the circumstances out of which these gifts come, I am unable to explain this large-handed generosity apart from the grace of God. Knowing some of these instances intimately, there is within the givers the strong conviction that Grace Schools is not only providing quality education for young people, but it is being provided within a context of Christian truth and spirituality.

### "Christian Colleges: An Endangered Species"

Over the past 10 years or more,

articles discussing the future of private colleges have been increasing. The small church-related college has come in for its share of discussion. An article bearing the above caption recently appeared in the May 23, 1975, edition of *Christianity Today*. The prognosticator draws his conclusion of its future in what he sees appearing on the scene over the past few years. The small church-related college is on the way out. "More than 70 private schools, the vast majority of them church-affiliated colleges, have folded in the last five years, and a number of others are in trouble. Still others have shed their denominational affiliation in a bid for broader support."

But the writer of that article recognized in his survey that there are significant exceptions to this trend. Some

reason why students should come here when there are such schools all over the land, and schools where it is possible to get a worldly education at less cost.

It is the conviction of this president that nothing in Grace Schools is more important to safeguard than its commitment to the Bible and its pattern of Christian morality. This will guarantee the uniqueness of the school and will provide an ever-continuing stream of young people into its halls. Where there has been a continuing decline in student enrollment in many church-related colleges over the past 10 years, there has been a gradual increase at Grace. This is true not only for the college, but also for the seminary, and the explanation must be traced to this one ingredient.

that this represents a collapse of standards and rigor. Though many explanations are given to account for this trend, it is noticeable that the collapse in the area of the moral and spiritual as a possible explanation is very carefully avoided.

All across the land people are seeking the help of the so-called expert to foretell the future. It is also apparent that no economist, however esteemed, is succeeding in reading the course of the future. The economists themselves are asking the question: "What went wrong?" Traditional theories and measuring sticks may have served to provide trustworthy predictions in the past, but they are failing today. Could it be possible that in this day the expert is using the wrong measuring stick? Is it possible that the loss of a

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evangelical colleges are as strong as ever and some are enjoying their best health in years. He points out the fact that the more blurred a school's reason for being, the poorer its chances for survival. Evangelical schools making a good showing are succeeding because of, not in spite of, their distinct Christian commitment.

Readers of this editorial column will recall that this writer has insisted over and over again that any deviation from the basic purpose of Grace College will be sure to spell its demise. Its continued emphasis upon the Biblical and spiritual purpose of existence puts it in a class where it has little competition. If students want this sort of education there are few places to find it. If Grace College departs from its pattern of education, then there is little

### Intellectualism Is in Peril

#### These Days

More than a year ago I heard a highly esteemed educator make an observation that almost stated a Christian truth. He said that the desperate situation in higher education can be traced to the fact that we no longer have a value-system. That is the way of saying that the sophistry of education has at last been able to scuttle the traditional pattern of morals.

Now *The Chronicle of Higher Education* of May 19, 1975, comes forth with this headline: "Inflated Grades Worrying More and More Colleges." More students are earning high grades than at any time in memory. This trend is rendering honor lists meaningless. Many who are examining this trend with a critical eye are insisting

value-system has thrown confusion into the camp, so that it is no longer possible to tell which way the wind is blowing?

Was it not the purpose of the sacred writer to explain this situation when he wrote these words recorded in Psalm 9: "The nations are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken. Jehovah hath made himself known, he hath executed judgment: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands . . . the wicked shall be turned back into Sheol, even all the nations that forget God" (15-17 ASV). Though men of the world choose to ignore this fact, the history of nations is charted over the course of the moral and spiritual—not material wealth or military might. ☛



One of the most recent books hitting the higher education market is one entitled *The Case Against College*. In it are arguments replete with information on why today's high school graduate can get along without a college education, which earlier generations thought indispensable for getting ahead in adult life. While it is true that technical and vocational education and career-oriented programs are having a hey-day currently, the basic reasons for an education in the arts and sciences, and especially from the Christian perspective, are more valid than ever at this point in history.

Christian colleges who through the years have not divorced career plans from general education have actually been accomplishing all along what is currently a fad. The trend is definitely away from "education for education's sake." Although private liberal arts colleges are in many places in the death throes, those conservative Christian colleges which continue to uphold

ways been a legitimate part of a liberal arts curriculum which recognizes that vocational education can be a part of one's academic training at the undergraduate level.

Grace College has attempted through the years to remain close to its constituency and to meet the needs of our supporting Fellowship. Sometimes course offerings and curricular planning are effected by the economic realities of the situation, often to a greater extent than our desire to accommodate the wishes of our students. At the same time an effort has been made to keep our curriculum flexible and this is evidenced by the fact that various course offerings have been instituted in recent years at the

education, and the growing disenchantment with much of higher education have all contributed to the precarious position in which many colleges find themselves. It is still true, however, that the harvest is plentiful and the workers are few. For those earnestly desiring to serve the Lord, the opportunities abound. Some of the varied options of an earlier decade may be more limited, but the open door is still very much present. The

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the unique purposes for which they were founded are still blossoming in enrollment. Even times of economic recession, such as are being experienced currently, find these colleges having financial support from their constituencies at the highest level ever. Since government aid for higher education is diminishing, it is all the more imperative that those who support Bible-believing colleges continue to invest their funds in such institutions.

Some colleges have gone the exotic route with courses in how to manage a stable and breed horses, or how to run a motel—ventures which would never have been tolerated in liberal arts colleges a decade ago. At the same time professional work in business, nursing, teacher education, et cetera, has al-

request of our student body. Just recently a Bachelor of Arts degree in Christian Ministries has been approved for those who are wanting a pre-seminary program or who desire to do some work as an associate pastor, especially in the areas of youth and music. A great deal of flexibility is offered in this program, where the individual student can tailor the course work according to his individual needs and interests. Some consideration is being given to a home economics program, since a number of our female students have indicated a desire to pursue such a course of study if available. At the same time, no institution can be all things to all people. With a limited budget and a well-delineated purpose we must carefully select from among our curricular options. Our goal is to excel in the courses we do offer without proliferating to the extent that we do too many things in a less than adequate way.

The current blight in the job market, the escalating cost of a college

cost of an education is still surmountable for those who can view long-range life commitments as of more consequence than short-term convenience. The disappointment with much of what passes for higher education makes more evident the place for that education which is truly Christ-honoring. A college is not Christian because it is vaguely connected to some religious body, but because its personnel (board, administration, faculty, and students) are genuinely born-again by the Spirit of God and desire to permeate Scriptural teaching in every facet of college life.

Perhaps the most difficult area is faculty recruitment—finding those persons who not only have the academic qualifications, but who also are compatible with our doctrinal, moral and spiritual ideals. Finding those persons who work well and have ready rapport with college students is another challenge. Grace College is grateful for the many very fine faculty members who possess not only the academic, but also those spiritual and personal qualities which make them effective faculty members.

The wholehearted support of our Brethren people in the work of Grace College, their evaluation of our school and our responsiveness to the real needs of our churches, is always of ultra-importance to us.

By Dr. Vance Yoder,  
Academic Dean of Grace College

# Light for Today's Path:

By Robert Arend  
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Grace College

## Christian Classics

*After reading Augustine's Confessions, I felt like an intruder reading his private thoughts and feelings. I wonder how God likes reading my mind? (Faith Goshert)*

*I find in John Donne a soul seeking to grow in Christ, to really experience all that God offers and yet there is a struggle against himself—as such, I can identify with him. (Marlene Root)*

*I'm just amazed at the mental pictures I get of hell, Satan and his cohorts in Milton's Paradise Lost. I can almost see and smell the brimstone. Milton takes me there. (Greg Stewart)*

These are a few of the comments from Grace College students who have begun to rediscover the Christian classics of the past. In teaching the literature elective, Christian Classics this semester, I suggested each student record in a diary any insights or special blessings he received while reading the assigned works. Among others, the assignments included Augustine's *Confessions*, Milton's *Paradise Lost*, the poetry of John Donne, Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, Thompson's *Hound of Heaven*, and C. S. Lewis's *Narrian Chronicles*. I wish to simply share some of their responses, in hopes that their comments might inspire others to blow off the dust from the covers of the great classics, too often tucked away on some forgotten bookshelf.

C. S. Lewis reminds us that "the man who is content to be only himself is in prison." Good literature opens doors into areas where otherwise we would be unable to go. The classics, especially, are timeless, enduring, universal in appeal, and when they take up the Christian message, can provide a key that opens exciting new doors. One of the finest examples of a Christian classic is St. Augustine's *Confessions*. Completed about 397, it is surely the best known of Augustine's many works, and it is also perhaps the most synoptic statement of his many-sided mind and life. The title calls attention to the form of the work, which is Augustine's personal address to God. In the presence of God, Augustine discovered his own human personality. And his work not only summarizes the Christian thought of the ancient or patristic period, but also points ahead to the medieval period, and indeed to the whole subsequent development of Christian thought. His thought is timeless, however, because even in the 20th century we are caught in his dilemma: "God—you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you" (S. E. Wirt's translation of the *Confessions* for modern man). We respond to his message, as my students have done:

*Augustine in the Confessions speaks of God being silent and man wandering further and further away in a "restless weariness." I have felt that weariness and silence, that restlessness. Yet as he points out, God may all along be speaking to us through other people and things we are rejecting. God is not silent or disinterested—we are at fault for not seeking His voice and listening. (Marlene Root)*

*I guess I'm not the only one of Your children with the problem of "mortifying my flesh." Thank you, Father, for inspiring my brother Augustine to write down the solution You sent him back in the fifth century—it really did encourage me. (Becky Good)*

The central theme of Milton's *Paradise Lost* is love. God created angels and men in omnibenevolence and loved them enough to give them free will, not automation. Misdirected love caused Satan and man to sin. God chastened both as a loving father must chastise His loved ones. Salvation is possible for all, as even Satan realized, from a loving Lord. The love of God provided His own Son, the Christ, to wash away all sins of natural man, and whosoever believeth in Him shall be saved by the Divine Love. Thus does Milton "justify the ways of God to men." But *Paradise Lost* is not a poem to be read for the story but a prayer to be read for spiritual contemplation and uplift.

*If man could only see himself and the earth from the larger perspective of God's heaven and hell. We are so wrapped up in ourselves and our own little world that we must certainly be fulfilling many of Satan's greatest wishes. Instead, God wants us to share in His glory; everyday our central focus should be on Him. Paradise Lost really brought this home to me. (Marlene Root)*

*The way Milton portrayed Satan was a real eye-opener, Father. The fact that Satan wouldn't even speak Your name—that he hated light—that he is so clever in warping and twisting the truth—well, that made me re-examine some things in my own life—like the way I rationalize (twist the truth) to make my actions more acceptable to my conscience. Satan is still very active today. (Becky Good)*

*At the end of Book VIII, the angel Raphael gives his final warning to Adam not to fall. But despite this warning he still disobeyed. That's just like me. God warns us of the consequences of sin but we still go right ahead and disobey Him. Milton is a very good judge of human nature. (Greg Stewart)*

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Few who say "No man is an island" are aware of their indebtedness to the poet John Donne. His "Holy Sonnets" are vibrant and impassioned cries, infused with the knowledge of the need for grace. They are highly personal and dramatic. Number XIV, for example, begins:

*Batter my heart, three-personed God; for You  
As yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend;  
That I may rise and stand, o'erthrow me, and bend  
Your force to break, blow, burn, and make me new.*

It ends:

*Take me to You, imprison me, for I,  
Except You enthrall me, never shall be free,  
Nor ever chaste, except You ravish me.*

Poetry is sometimes very difficult for me to understand, but John Donne's words spoke to me. As I read his "Divine Poems" and "Holy Sonnets" very slowly and thoughtfully I could sense God moving. It's something you can't explain in words, but if you have ever experienced a similar feeling, you know what I mean. The sonnets leave you with a warm feeling inside—you feel better for having read them. (Greg Stewart)

In A Hymn to God the Father, the forgiveness of God is expressed very eloquently. Sin is a strong source of discouragement, but the knowledge that the Lord can forgive us for everything we have done wrong is important. Donne must have had a very sensitive soul to be so aware of his sin, and writing this poem must have given him great comfort, even as it encourages me. Will God forgive forever? Can His love extend that far? Donne says "Yes"—God is willing to accept even the worst sinner and give him a complete, unconditional pardon. (Viki Cover)

So far, John Donne is my favorite Christian writer, God. I don't know what he has that so captivates me, but it certainly does. Perhaps it's the simple way in which he comments on some of the most profound subjects . . . or the short, crisp way he expresses himself—I don't know! What I do know is that he makes me look at things as I never have before. In every sonnet of La Corona I seemed to gain a new insight into the life and character of Christ. Thank you for inspiring men like John Donne and for preserving their thoughts for Christians living hundreds of years later. (Becky Good)

John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress* has been termed the best syllabus of evangelical Protestantism. Everyone knows the story of Christian who, carrying a heavy burden of sins and terrified by the Biblical warning of coming Judgment, flees the City of Destruction to find Zion, the City of God. The spiritual struggles of the author make the book ring with emotional sincerity. No other work in English portrays steadfast faith and noble humility so effectively. Indeed, in England, only the Bible and Shakespeare have exceeded the popularity of *Pilgrim's Progress*.

One idea that really struck me was that only a small number of those who embark on this pilgrimage fulfill the initial goals. Many of my friends in high school accepted Christ about the same time I did. Each of us had decisions to make along our "pilgrimage" and we have encountered various obstacles (temptations). But several now have no desire to walk with Christ—slowly they have moved away from Him. I think this makes me

all the more sensitive to the importance of the Scriptures: "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me" (NASB). (Becky Pappas)

The Pilgrim was wounded in his battle with the giant Apollyon. I wonder, will Jesus someday look at those who claim to be Christians and ask, "What? Hast thou no scars?" (Randy Maxson)

Thank you for the Stepping Stones and the Helpfuls that You've sent to help me out of those Sloughs of Despond that I fall into every now and then. Help me to resist the smiles and wiles of the Worldly Wisemen that I meet everyday . . . to avoid the attitudes of Simple, Sloth and Presumption . . . to climb with confidence the Hill of Difficulty . . . to seek constantly the fellowship of the Palace Beautiful . . . to withstand the temptations of Vanity Fair . . . and to run without resting the race to that great Celestial City. (Becky Good)

The Hound of Heaven—by Francis Thompson—is not only one of the finest odes in all of English, but has inspired thousands in their walk with God. The poem describes the poet's flight from God and the pursuit and overtaking by God of the poet's soul. Fearing that submission to God is loss of selfhood, the poet seeks refuge in human love, in sensuality, in nature, in art. But the always, benignly-pursuing God reveals Himself as the supreme embodiment of all love.

Just as the Bible is God's revelation to man, Christian literature expresses man's response to God through human emotions and feelings. The Hound of Heaven expresses all the miserableness of man's search for life and happiness while rejecting the only One who can give it. And I do the same as the poet has done in many other areas of my life. I look elsewhere when He's waiting all the time. I do not always understand why He made me like He did or why things go the way they do, though I know He's given me everything I need for present happiness. Thompson's God says:

*"All which I took from thee I did but take,  
Not for thy harms,  
But just that thou might'st seek it in My arms.  
All which thy child's mistake  
Fancies as lost, I have stored for thee at home;*

*Rise, clasp My hand, and come!"* (Marlene Root)  
This poem is such an accurate description of the lives of many people, including myself, before yielding to God's "hounding." After you have yielded, it's easy to see that everything you were searching for before could have been found in Christ all along. (Alice Wallace)

In the Hound of Heaven I can see how your love is such a persevering love, Father—You just won't give us up, and how I thank You that though I often fail You, You will never turn me away. (Becky Good)

When former White House Aide and Nixon Administration's number one tough guy, Charles W. Colson, announced his awakening to Christianity after the Watergate saga, he gave much of the credit to the works of C. S. Lewis. Apparently, a friend of Colson's had read him a passage in which Lewis cited arrogance as the most difficult sin for Christians to overcome. The observation struck him as particularly fitting, and he decided to read

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further on his own. The more Colson delved into Lewis, the more irresistibly he was drawn to the author's vision of the Christian faith. It seems that even the least religious among intellectuals respond to the amiable wit of Lewis's writings—"Lewis could win a debate with anyone," says Dr. Clyde Kilby, the compiler of the first U. S. collection of the author's letters and manuscripts. Until he was nearly 30, Lewis was a committed agnostic, but God fastened on his soul, and, as Lewis describes his conversion, "In the Trinity Term of 1929, I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and knelt and prayed." Kilby says, "God was as surely after him as a cat searching for a mouse.

From that time on, all of Lewis's writings were infused with his hard-won belief. On campuses today, the fastest-selling Lewis books are the seven-volume *Chronicles of Narnia*, which portray a world in which a great lion dies, rises again from the dead and returns to lead the forces of good into the last battle against evil.

*I don't know where to begin with a man of Lewis's gifts—there's just too much! But let me start by saying that his Chronicles have deeply touched me, Father. I wish everyone could and would read them, because I'm sure they couldn't escape the magic joy of Yourself. Although I believe and know that Jesus is loving, forgiving, stern, just and compassionate, it wasn't until I read the Narnian Chronicles that these characteristics of Christ became real and alive. When Aslan (the lion—Christ) came on the scene, his presence was as the presence of Christ. And when I finished each book, I honestly felt as though I'd been living with Jesus in the flesh. I think I've experienced an extra measure of the "joy" C. S. Lewis wrote about, Father, and You are the Source and Giver. (Becky Good)*

*Aslan (the lion), like Christ, is portrayed as sinless, the only one able to die for the unrighteousness of the world. What joy and fresh newness of life is expressed in the lion's resurrection. What joy that on the planet earth, more real than Narnia, Christ died and rose and worked the deeper magic for me. (Marlene Root)*

*The Lion, Aslan, says—"We have a long journey to go. You must ride on me." He is a type of Christ in that we can trust Him with our burdens and cares. When the children climbed on his back, it was a ride which was not to be compared to anything they had ever experienced. I think when we totally surrender to the Lord and are guided by His Spirit, life holds new meaning and becomes exciting and beautiful to us. (Carol Van Corbach)*

*There are so many places in the Chronicles where the Lion has been used to help me understand better the character of God. The main theme of the whole set of Narnian Chronicles would seem to be "further up and further in." I would really like to make that a goal in my own life—to really know Christ. (Alice Wallace)*

*To really know Christ—that is certainly the desire of all of us. And I have found that the expression and illustration of divine truth in such classics has enriched deeply my own understanding of God and His Word. It is Warren Wiersbe who says it best—"It is the Christian with the light of God's Word who can best learn from the classics."*

In commencement exercises this spring, 43 graduates of Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary were recognized for academic excellence and achievement during their academic careers at Grace.

Those listed below were honored with the appropriate designations of Cum Laude, Magna Cum Laude, or Summa Cum Laude.

In addition, six Grace College graduates were awarded honorable mention for academic achievement, although they were ineligible for regular honors because of residence requirements. Those receiving honorable mention were: Jack Laffin (B.A., 3.800); John Pritchard (B.A., 3.800); Lawrence Burek (B.A., 3.731); LaNita French (B.M.E., 3.660); Kenneth Grisso (B.S., 3.577); and Kenton Wildman (B.S., 3.559).

## HONORS

### COLLEGE GRADUATES 1975

| NAME              | PROGRAM | GPA   |
|-------------------|---------|-------|
| <b>CUM LAUDE</b>  |         |       |
| STAFF, David      | B.A.    | 3.500 |
| DIEHL, Linda      | B.A.    | 3.512 |
| HOXWORTH, Janet   | B.A.    | 3.520 |
| MORT, Karen       | B.A.    | 3.528 |
| PERRYMAN, Janice  | B.M.E.  | 3.529 |
| ECKERT, Nancy     | B.A.    | 3.542 |
| WALLACE, Alice    | B.A.    | 3.547 |
| TEEPLE, Sara      | B.S.    | 3.556 |
| LEE, Ruth         | B.A.    | 3.573 |
| ARENOBINE, Joy    | B.M.E.  | 3.585 |
| TETERUD, Wesley   | B.A.    | 3.589 |
| KISNER, Rowland   | B.A.    | 3.603 |
| DOMBEK, Stephen   | B.M.E.  | 3.622 |
| KEFFER, Ruth      | B.S.    | 3.686 |
| KENNEDY, Kathleen | B.S.    | 3.686 |
| SCHNIEDERS, Mary  | B.S.    | 3.711 |
| MINTON, Ronald    | B.A.    | 3.756 |

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

|                  |      |       |
|------------------|------|-------|
| MUNDAY, David    | B.A. | 3.762 |
| GOOD, Rebecca    | B.A. | 3.764 |
| LAPP, Dale       | B.A. | 3.770 |
| SUTER, Susan     | B.A. | 3.784 |
| HUGHEY, Stephen  | B.A. | 3.807 |
| PLICE, Denise    | B.A. | 3.889 |
| FRETZ, Mary      | B.A. | 3.895 |
| ROOT, Marlene    | B.A. | 3.896 |
| FIREBAUGH, Scott | B.A. | 3.901 |

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## Dear Editor

□ . . . today we received the proof sheet that will appear in the June 15 issue of the *Herald*. This will be wonderful for the Florida churches and will be of help to Brethren who will be visiting in our state. We know all the pastors down here, along with their churches, will appreciate this fine advertising.—*Florida*

□ We love the picture in the *Herald* about our district officers (June 1 issue). Thanks for being in our conference. That ad in the *Herald* is a colossal and attractive page to say the least. The *Herald* is becoming more and more a hit in our church.—*Florida*

□ Say, the proof sheet really looks like something to get excited about. As one pastor of a Florida church, I really want to say "Thank you" for your thoughtful use of advertising space for our district churches. This kind of cooperation can only lead to a closer and even more enduring relationship between the churches of our district and the *Herald*.—*Florida*

□ I greatly enjoyed and appreciated Dr. Smith's article entitled, "Did Christ Die Only for the Elect?" Though it is true that the article was of a "technical theological nature," I feel that Dr. Smith not only took the Biblical position on the subject, but also presented it quite convincingly.—*Ohio*

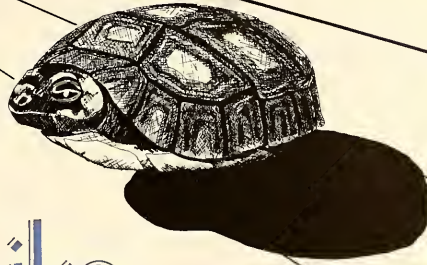
□ Just received the latest issue of the *Herald*—great!

Really appreciated the article on election. Rightly so, people are confused and this type teaching is a big help to "unconfuse" them.

The fundamentals of the faith are sorely needed. Keep on keeping the *Herald* as a source of guidance for the Christian.—*Ohio*

# A Turtle on the Turnpike

By Charles W. Turner  
Editor



Few experiences in life can be as frustrating as finding oneself in a place where he or she should not be. What do you do at a time like that? For the one with great foresight the answer is simple—don't go there in the first place. You and I cannot argue with such wisdom. Nevertheless, sometimes unplanned circumstances do evolve into frustrating situations. Recently, I saw a very dramatic demonstration of this truth!

It was early in the morning, and I was driving along the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Up ahead I noticed an object in the road, and as I drove nearer it became more obvious as to what the object was . . . a turtle! It was resting in the center of the right-hand lane of traffic. He had retracted into his shell—pulling in his four legs and tail. The only sign of life was his head which was out far enough to size up the problem. Would you accept my reasoning that he must have been in the process of analyzing the total situation before proceeding one more step? Let me assure you the dilemma had no easy answer. To proceed would mean crossing one more lane of traffic, plus a median strip, and two more lanes of traffic before he could be safe again. To turn back may have appeared to be the next best solution. Never having had the faculty of thinking “turtle thoughts,” I don't know what his logic could have been. There may have been one real good way out for him if a “Good Samaritan” would have been around to stop and pick up the poor fellow and thus remove him to safety.

Even that device could have presented problems. Number one, the big road signs said, “Emergency Parking Only.” Would the state trooper judge this as an emergency? Number two, who knows but what the turtle may have been a determined creature who had some important business on the other side of the turnpike. Such “help” would really have been a hindrance to his dedicated mission! Sorry, I cannot give you the final chapter of the turtle's tour of the turnpike. (I wasn't the “Good Samaritan.”) However, please bear with me while I record for you some of the mental observations I had for the next few miles of my trip.

Having spent more or less all of my adult life working with people, I can remember a lot of human beings who were like the turtle. In fact, I can recall a number of occa-

sions when I was just like him. There are those times in life when we all find ourselves in unusual circumstances and places, and we wonder how we ever managed to arrive at such a state of affairs. Yes, some strenuous thinking might help to answer the question for us. However, it undoubtedly took an untold number of turns and decisions to bring us to the present predicament. The “now” was where we found ourselves, and that was not where we wanted to be. The traffic was buzzing around us, and it seemed any move might be fatal. But to remain in the present place created an equal number of hazards.

Perhaps our first thought was . . . how do we get out of here? Shall we keep on going or turn back? That is the pressing question. Maybe our purpose in getting involved was a good one and not of bad intent. To go on may take more courage than it seems possible to muster at the moment. To turn back might well mean a personal defeat in our lives. Decisions are not always easy to come by, and we need help.

But where is the help coming from? You guessed it—from the friend who shrewdly reminds you that you should not have let yourself get into this situation. (Big help!) Then there is always the possibility that someone will stop and give you the real assistance that is needed to solve the problem. He might want to remove you from danger and place you in safety, but remember—in order to complete the task and reach safety, you may have to retrace those slow, painful steps.

Going through danger is not foreign to the servants of the Lord. The Bible is filled with such types of commissions from God. David, Daniel and Jeremiah are a few of God's saints who were led in paths of severe trial. The main idea here is to make certain God told you to “cross the road.”

As the turtle's image faded in my mind, I was torn between several thoughts. After all, it was just a turtle . . . but, “Lord, never let me become insensitive to the needs of others. Never let me as a believer become thoughtless, cold or hardened to the dilemmas of others. Don't let me lose my love . . . this is serious. Give me wisdom to know when and how to help someone. Please, do not let me make them retrace their steps when You want them to go forward.” ☞



# En Route to Latin America

*The Foreign Missionary Society is happy to present three couples whom God has called to Latin America. All three men are May '75 graduates of Grace Theological Seminary. All three have met with their district ministerial examining boards and passed their examinations for licensure as Brethren ministers, which was the final requirement set up for them by the Board of Trustees. The target date for these families to arrive on their fields is as early this fall as possible.*

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Johnson are headed for the new Brethren work in South Brazil—at Uberlandia, where the Tim Farners are already located. Norm was born and raised in New York state, and after completing high school he went to Longview, Texas, to attend college. He had the intention of pursuing a career in aeronautical engineering at LeTourneau College, but God had other plans for him.

In his very first semester of college Norm found Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. Then, the director of Word of Life in Brazil spoke on the campus and challenged students to give a summer of their lives to go to Brazil and help construct a Bible institute building near Sao Paulo. The Lord spoke to Norm about this matter and he volunteered; his financial support was raised in answer to prayer, and Norm and 13 others of a campus missionary group flew to Brazil for the summer of 1969.

The student group really had to start from scratch, including clearing the land, but much was accomplished that summer.

Included in the group of students at the Bible institute was a Brazilian girl whose name was Cleonise Hein; it was her last year in the Bible institute. She was the daughter of a pastor and had already completed a course of study to become a public schoolteacher. But after teaching second grade, she had been led of the Lord to consider missionary teaching and so she enrolled in the Bible institute.

As Norm and Cleo were brought together that summer, they began to see God's hand in this. Norm returned to LeTourneau and changed his field of study to Bible. The following summer he was back in Brazil with a twofold purpose: to resume construction work, and to marry Cleo. Their marriage



The Norm Johnson Family

took place in July at the Word of Life Bible Institute, and Cleo then came to the U.S. with Norm.

God also led in the Johnsons' moving to Winona Lake, Indiana, so that Norm could study at Grace Seminary in preparation for missionary service, for they had realized that He was calling them back to Brazil. They became better acquainted with our Fellowship, served actively in the youth work at Winona Lake Brethren Church, and began to see the possibility of serving with Brethren Foreign Missions. After uniting with the church, they submitted their applications to the Missionary Society. In the summer of 1974 they moved to Ashland, Ohio, to work with the Grace Brethren Church so that Norm could get practical experience in the ministry. There, working under Pastors Knute Larson and John Teevan, Norm has served in an intern program with experience in various phases of the church work. It has

been pronounced a very successful venture on the part of all who have been involved.

God has given the Johnsons added blessings in the form of their children—Heidi Theresa, who is three, and Joseph Daniel, who was born in March of this year.

The other two candidate families have many things in common, for the men are brothers—Lynn and Aldo Hoyt. They have a unique missionary background because both were born and grew up on the mission field in Argentina where their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Solon Hoyt, have served since 1946. Also, many years ago their maternal grandparents felt called to missionary service in Africa, even before they were married, while they were students in Bible school. Ensuing circumstances prevented their going and they entered the pastorate in the United States. But they never lost their missionary vision.

After serving several churches in Ohio, they were called to Evans City, Pennsylvania, and there Rev. Norman Hirschy pastored the First Baptist Church for 35 years. During those years many young people from the church dedicated their lives to full-time service—among them four of the Hirschys' own six children. One of these was Kathryn, their youngest daughter, who married Solon Hoyt and went to Argentina under the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.

Solon and Kathryn's oldest child, a little daughter, Rita, accompanied them to the mission field. When a son was born to them at Rio Cuarto, they named him Lynn after one of Mr. Hoyt's seminary buddies and later fellow-missionary, Lynn Schrock.

For the elder Hirschys the Lord added the further prayer burden of their grandchildren. Lynn was only four when he gave his heart to the Lord in Vacation Bible School.

Until he was 16 Lynn attended the Argentine public schools where Spanish was spoken, of course, and it really became his native tongue. His life centered around the activity of the congregation in Don Bosco where Mr. Hoyt was in the work of church planting.

In July of 1965 the Hoyts returned to the mission field leaving their oldest son, age 17, in the U.S. to enter Grace College.

During those years a girl was growing up in the area of York, Pennsylvania—Mary Knepper, who was saved at age seven in an evangelistic campaign in this Brethren Home Missions church where her family was active. During a missionary conference Mary dedicated her life to serve the Lord as a missionary to Africa. She went to Grace College, and when a freshman she met Lynn Hoyt who was a senior. They were married in 1970; Mary graduated from Grace in 1971.

During one school year Lynn served as youth leader and music director for the Grace Brethren Church at Kokomo, Indiana. This past year he has been Minister of Youth and Music for the Sidney (Indiana) Grace Brethren Church.

God has given Lynn and Mary three children—first a son, Philip, now four; then a daughter, Kathy, age one; and another son, Michael, born this past May.



The Lynn Hoyt Family



Aldo and Alice Hoyt

Aldo Hoyt is the second of the Solon Hoyts' four sons (Ivan and Alan are still in Argentina with their parents). He was born at LaCarlota and, like his older brother, grew up on the mission field, attending Argentine public schools and likewise knowing Spanish as his native tongue. It was during a family furlough in the U.S. that Aldo accepted the Lord as Saviour in his grandfather's home in Pennsylvania, after a church service. He studied for one year at the Bible Institute in Argentina and took several years of college at the Colegio Nacional Jose M. Estrada. He finished college at Grace in the U.S., graduating in 1972. Aldo, like Lynn, has served in the Sidney church, but as Minister of Visitation and Education.

Another Grace College graduate in 1972 was Aldo's wife, the former Alice Russell. She was born in Warren, Ohio, but lived in various places as her father transferred his work. She was saved in a church service when she was

young. After college graduation Alice continued her studies in Grace Seminary and received a Certificate in Biblical Studies. For some time she has been a capable worker on the staff at the Grace Schools library.

Not long after their marriage, Aldo and Alice headed a TIME team of young people who went to Argentina early in 1972. The team spent two months in literature and door-to-door work, and assisted in other ways. Aldo and Alice remained for several months more after the rest of the team returned to the U.S., making their headquarters at Rio Cuarto to handle a correspondence ministry and to show Moody Science films at various churches. They had many opportunities to serve the Lord in the five months they spent in Argentina, and it whetted their appetites to return to this field for a full-time ministry.

New workers for the plenteous harvest fields in foreign lands—praise God that He continues to answer prayer. ☞

# The Chateau Walls Speak



By Mrs. Tom Julien

**Mrs. Kitchen:** In reminiscing over these past 11 years, I get so excited about my present appearance and effectiveness.

**Miss Dining Hall:** Yes, I remember how stupefied the Juliens were initially with your appearance and your sadness, and how quickly they and their friends, the Isches, bought buckets and brushes to scrub you down. They felt confident that they had centuries of dirt and grease to remove.

**Mrs. Kitchen:** You know, Miss Dining Hall, until then—like most chateau kitchens—I was ignored by nearly everyone but the servant help. So it was not important to keep me clean and attractive like the other rooms in the Chateau.

**Miss Dining Hall:** Well, I guess we had something in common in those days. My room (located in the building nearest to the Chateau) was *completely* overlooked until near the end of the former owner's stay. To facilitate an expanding apple business, he plastered the four walls and laid an attractive tile floor identical to yours.

**Mrs. Kitchen:** And I'm glad that through the years—with the help of groups like Operation Mobilization and TIME, I got regular washings and fresh coats of paint.

**Miss Dining Hall:** Remember the big face-lifting I had in 1969 when Andre, a French Bible school graduate, compiled all the ideas of the two-family staff, Renicks and Juliens, into a major redecorating job and worked for months to redo me completely?

**Mrs. Kitchen:** Yes, that transformation was an alarming one! Burlap now covers the former bare white plaster walls; a coat of stain brightens up the old beams; plasterboard fills the once unattractive gaps between the ceiling beams; and newly built pine floor cupboards run the length of one entire wall.

**Miss Dining Hall:** And with the addition of the little cafe-style red-and-white checked curtains at my three windows, I really felt proud. I was amazed, too, at the contrast in noise at mealtime. It seemed the burlap nearly muffled the table conversations that were amplified before.

**Mrs. Kitchen:** And getting equipped—to feed and serve our first overnight youth guests! I guess it was fortunate we started out on a small scale, for all that the Juliens had to furnish me were their own kitchen appliances.

**Miss Dining Hall:** And to get me started they bought 25 inexpensive place settings.

**Mrs. Kitchen:** And then soon upon completing his military service in France, Charles Bearinger—along with his wife—gave their entire household outfit to the Chateau ministry. After that big boost, WMCs all over the States got involved in giving toward equipment for our rooms.

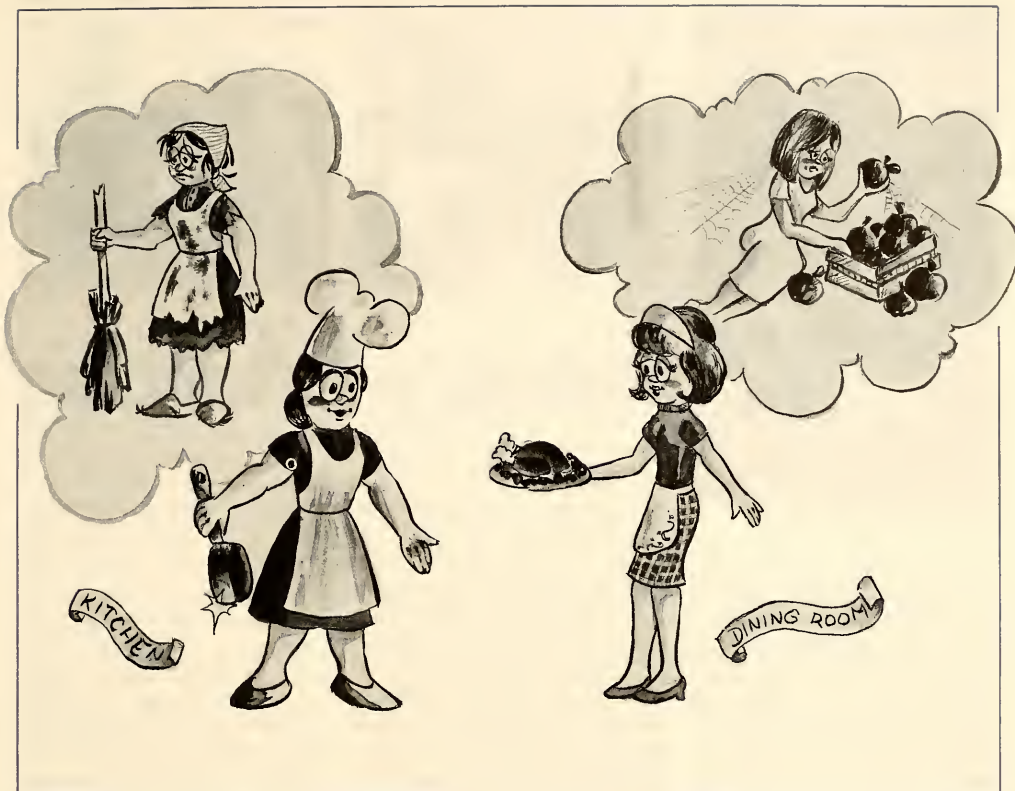
**Miss Dining Hall:** Yes, thanks to their generosity and that of numerous American and French friends who dropped in, little by little we became better and better equipped. Now my six tables can be attractively set with lovely brown pyrex dishes for 60 people.

**Mrs. Kitchen:** But if our present owners are so concerned about our cleanliness and tidiness, it's because at last we have become important in their eyes. In those first years when the Juliens were alone, I would hear Tom say, in encouraging Doris, "If it weren't for your faithfulness here behind the scenes, we couldn't do what we are doing in reaching people with the message of the Gospel." For the Chateau is a place where Christ is announced by example as well as by word . . .

**Miss Dining Hall:** . . . and table conversations are very important occasions for the French. Yes, it's because







(Artwork by Terry Julien)

of our existence and ladies who are willing to work with our facilities that the Chateau ministry has been able to develop three kinds of ministries: the youth rally weekend, the Bible Retreat weekend, and the summer camp.

**Mrs. Kitchen:** Like I said in the beginning, I really feel effective now and I function at my *best* when the annual July summer camp is in session. Unlike the short weekly camps that many of the mission staff attended as youth, the French find one full month to be normal for vacation.

**Miss Dining Hall:** I guess it was almost necessary at one period of time for the mental and physical health of adults and children to get away from their often too-crowded housing conditions for a month's rest in the mountains, at the sea, or in the country.

**Mrs. Kitchen:** That's the reason, I'm sure, that so many Christian groups in this country instituted a month of camp in the summer.

**Miss Dining Hall:** I've observed a real eagerness on the part of the Chateau campers to study and to learn their textbook, the Bible. They spend the first half of the mornings in personal devotions and study, and the second half in a group Bible study.

**Mrs. Kitchen:** And then it's great to see these camp students go out in the afternoons to swimming pools, camping sites, or parks to talk to others about their faith in Christ and to invite them to come to the Chateau for a special weekend (planned especially for them).

**Miss Dining Hall:** The results of such a prolonged camp are multiple. I can testify that every weekend the number of youth at the tables doubles and sometimes triples. Many new contacts are made and each time a person arrives to visit the Chateau, he becomes another potential for Christ.

**Mrs. Kitchen:** And for the Christian it often means various positive experiences in their relationship with God and in their intensive study of the Word. For example, I overheard the testimony of a Chateau youth last summer given at the "Tenth Birthday" of the Chateau, that went something like this: "... It was last July, 1973, that I realized I hadn't given all to Christ. True, I had accepted Christ when I was only six years old, but I was making my own decisions apart from Christ and doing what I wanted, yet saying that I was a Christian. I understood at camp that I must give *all*, and since that moment I have known a deep joy..." The Juliens were especially touched. It was their daughter, Becky.

**Miss Dining Hall:** May we continue to make possible these different Chateau ministries that have been created to permit overnight guests to see first-hand through the lives of our people what Christianity is.



Dr. Jake Kliever

From Dr. Jake Kliever, Chad—

First of all—health-wise, we are doing very well. Freda is teaching two classes a day here at the Bible school—she and the students both are real happy about the classes. The African Christians have been praying earnestly and expectantly that the Lord would undertake for us, even to turning the age-clock backwards! They are very happy that the Lord is answering their prayer.

We have had absolutely no limiting of our work; in fact, we are continually facing new needs and challenges that we hadn't even foreseen. The only thing that held up our program for a couple of weeks was car trouble and the change of government. We have very good reception to the teachings and good response to our classes. The pastors and other workers are so thankful that it is embarrassing once in a while. I have met with all the Chad pastors twice for a teaching series, and have met with the Bocaranga and the North Paoua pastors also. This makes more than 120 pastors who have taken this series of instructions as to the concordances and dictionaries—an introductory but solid contact with the practical uses of these "helps." Twelve church groups have been taught how to use the reference system in enriching their reading comprehension. These also were so very happy for the attention and instruction they received. If some of our young men just getting out of seminary could experience something like this, we would have missionary candidates! I have al-



# Missionary Mailbag

ready set up a four-day-a-week teaching program starting in October and going until April 30, with only Christmas week out. Also, a ministerium has been organized. So don't figure that we will be coming home for a while—unless the Lord brings about a change.

The new government has expressed sorrow and regret for all that was done against the churches and church leaders. They have given full assurance that they will do their best to keep the work of the churches going with full approval of the government. Our local preacher was so happy when he heard this that he came right over to tell us, and he was singing and clapping his hands as he came up the path! It was a real test for the churches, and their reaction was not so strong as we had hoped; but the Lord is using it and there will be some positive results—a stronger church, a cleaner church and a more faithfully witnessing church.

The timing of the change of government was something that shows the Lord's hand in it. There was a long list of military and civilian notables who were to be decimated on the 14th of April. The churches were to be shut down all over the Chad on May 1; hundreds of Christians were up for elimination right after that. The Gendarmerie got hold of the list and would have taken over a couple of days sooner, but an important diplomat was here and they didn't want to take a chance on international feelings. So, it happened Sunday morning, April 13. Many of the stories that persist are unbelievable, but no doubt much is true. Here at Bessao all was calm; only by radio and by talk through discussing the events were we a part of it. Thank you for your newsletter; your deductions are exact. The Human Rights

provision of U.N. and religious liberty are being practiced.

Thank all for being concerned and praying. We know you will keep on praying for us—there are just the two of us—and so much is needing to be done.

From Albert Balzer, Central African Republic—

The last 16 months in Africa have passed so quickly. "Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last." Our prayers are that all our efforts will be Christ-centered.

After a two-year retirement it is good to be again in the middle of where things are happening. The main reason for our coming out of retirement was to build permanent African churches. We have not built as many as we had hoped; but we are now constructing the eighth permanent church since we came back. We are hoping to build at least one more before our return to the States.

Once in a while we break a record that we had—or I should say, that the construction crew had. Not long ago we built a 250-seating capacity church in 16 working days. This included the foundation, cement floors, inside and outside plastering, and everything painted. True, it is not like your churches at home, but it is the best building within 50 miles. How proud the people are, and people from many miles around come to see what has happened in the local village. No more grass roof-replacing every two or three years.

We are very happy to have Terry Shultzman with us on these jobs. It has been an experience for him to see how different African construction is.



He has a good relationship with the men and will have a good understanding of the overall picture.

It might be of interest to you that the church we are working on now is the 45th permanent church we have had the privilege of helping to build. Would you not agree that things are happening here?

Doors for free worshiping seem to be closing all around us. But here in the Central African Republic we are given a free hand in teaching and preaching for the Lord. President Bokassa of C.A.R. has given one of the choice plots of ground in Bangui as the site for a theological seminary for all of the French-speaking countries in Africa. This will be an international project. Our plans had been to come home about four months from now, but we have consented to build the first unit and now the time of our return to the States is uncertain.

Often in missionary activities this verse is quoted: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." This probably applies to our field as much as to any other. At present we have nine residences unoccupied by missionaries. Unless more help comes soon, two more residences will be added to the vacancies.

Elsie, my wife, has always had a unique ministry in her village visitation program. It is geared to a great extent to unbelievers. When she arrives at a village she does not go to the chapel or meeting place. Usually she looks for the village chief, who many times is an unbeliever. She gets his permission to hold a meeting, and this is always granted. If a big mango tree or other large tree is nearby, it makes an ideal place for the meeting because they must get out of the sun. Many, many souls are being saved in these meetings. The young, the old, the blind, the lame, village chiefs, and a few witch-doctors have come to the saving knowledge of Christ. Elsie has been invited to the homes of high officials in the government to tell the story of Christ. How much lasting fruit has been produced, only the Lord has the account. It is gratifying to hear testimonies like I overheard from a pastor the other day, when he outlined the full message she had given 15 years ago. The sword of the Lord is sharp and it will penetrate.

Would you agree that the harvest is plenteous in Africa? Does it not thrill your hearts that through the years you have had a part in prayer and gifts for this work where every week more than 400 pastors preach the love of Christ to 70,000 Christians and many who are still blinded by Satan?

For both of us, in spite of our many shortcomings and faults, it has been a very special privilege to have had the opportunity to serve Him here since 1946. Our prayer is that in the not-too-far future when we will retire for good, we still might be able to sprinkle a few blessings along the way.

May the Lord bless all those who are united into the large family of believers who have put their faith and trust in the One who has bought us with His very own self.

Now, a word to the faithful ladies of the church: This will most likely be the last article from the Balzers, and we want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all the birthday cards with your expressions of trust and good wishes. We want to apologize for the lack of keeping you informed or even acknowledging your letters and cards. Please forgive. May the Lord bless you as you faithfully serve Him, the local church, and the various activities of the mission.

From Roger Peugh, Stuttgart, Germany—

Dr. John Whitcomb joined us on Wednesday, March 26, and spent the weekend at a *very significant* Bible/conference sponsored by Mr. Hannsler of the publishing house. We believe that it is the beginning of a conference which will be repeated, and which will provide for Germany the beginning of a serious challenge to the evolutionary concept which holds the whole country in such a stranglehold. Four and a half years ago Mr. Hannsler started publishing evangelical Christian books which all stand upon the inspiration of the Scriptures, and in these short years this has become the biggest publishing house in all of Germany as well as continental Europe, probably. Very soon he will be breaking ground to nearly double his available floor space.

Right after the Easter weekend conference Dr. Whitcomb was scheduled to go to Bavaria to minister with several of his former students serving there with another mission, but there was an accident in one of the families and this fell through. So, Tuesday, April 1, we had a question-and-answer time. Many of our people had been able to go to the nearby Easter weekend conference, and they had a pile of questions about the literal interpretation of the early chapters of the Bible. It was an exciting evening in every respect! Most of our people had been bombarded with a number of the usual very hard questions on the creation and flood issue, and they fired these at Dr. Whitcomb. In the two and a half hours more of the fears were removed and more faith was established in the Word than I could ever have imagined.

At the end it was evident that those who had the biggest problems were very thrilled with the answers they received.

Finally the big day came for the beginning of our meetings—Friday, the 4th of April. We had spent much time on each of these days in prayer, so in spite of the fact that many things were neglected, the Lord gave us a real peace. In the afternoon about eight of us met to set up more than 500 chairs.

The first meeting brought about 120, and many of our people were discouraged at the small turnout. However, the program went very well and the translation by Hardy Sunderwald was excellent. Saturday evening there were 160-170 there, many of whom had not been there Friday evening. Sunday morning we had about 115 and the same number that night, with different groups each time. I can't tell you how thrilled we are about this weekend. Approximately 350 people were touched by this ministry and *many* were open to what was said. In size we have had a bigger meeting—the film last fall—but to have this many strangers come out for this type of meeting was most encouraging.

In more than one way the ministry here was put on the map with these meetings. The 650 posters which were distributed were seen by thousands, as well as the 11,000 handbills. People know from the distribution of literature alone that there is something exciting going on here. But the 350 who were here will tell their friends and acquaintances, and many more will find out about it. The last night two young men stayed behind to talk privately with Dr. Whitcomb about some perplexing spiritual problems they were having. They are *very* hungry for fellowship and contact. They come, amazingly enough, from a community about 25 miles away. It is still a bit of a mystery how they found out about the meetings.

With great weariness we finally unwound and retired after midnight Sunday, following a prayer meeting praising Him for the victories. We were to be ready to leave by 9:00 the next morning to go to the missions conference at Villingen.

The conference there was booked full, and some families even had to stay in nearby houses—about 140 altogether. It was exciting to see the tremendous response of the missionary team here in Germany to this exciting issue, and to see how hungry they were for books and tools since so many of the questions we are asked center on this problem of the Bible and science.



# One Million (1,000,000) in '75

By John W. Zielasko

I have this friend who sometimes provides me with illustrations. Recently he was telling me about an experience he had years ago as a college student working at the wire and nail mill at Sparrow Point, Maryland. Without any instruction he was given the job of driving a battery-powered tractor and assigned to deliver wire to the nail-making machines.

"My second day on the job," he confided, "was a disaster." While making a turn onto the scale to weigh the wire, he cut the corner too sharply and dumped the whole cart, sending coils in all directions. The floor boss immediately proceeded to bawl him out in most colorful language. Having visited a nail mill, I observed that such a response could not have been very effective since shouting in such a place, even when one is livid with rage, still sounds like a whisper above the roar of the machinery. He agreed, and continued his story.


The boss, after going through the ritual of displaying his displeasure publicly, hooked on another wagon-load of coils in an attempt to demonstrate how to do it right, and, much to the delight of nearby workmen, upset the cart himself. In this setting it was not surprising that my friend soon found himself in another department assigned to an old machine that was designed to wrap paper around coils of wire. Soon he learned the idiosyncrasies of that beast, and to overcome the monotony of a boring, repetitious job, set about to see how many coils could be wrapped in an hour. Thereby hangs a tale.

Before long a group from the head office was at his shoulder, requesting

that he demonstrate the efficiency of the machine. After the demoralizing episode of the scales, he launched into this ego-building assignment with record-breaking abandon. His display of talent was greatly appreciated, and he was informed that previous operators insisted that the machine was capable of only half that production. Alas, such dedication to duty was not applauded in all circles. It was then that fellow workers began to give him dirty looks and the cold shoulder. In those days if one wasn't in trouble with management, he was with labor. The philosophy seemed to be: work as slowly as you can, produce as little as possible but expect high benefits. "Personally," he reminisced, "I found that I was happier, time passed more quickly, and I felt more self-satisfaction when producing to capacity rather than loafing along. Besides, at 56 cents an hour, I felt I owed it to the company that had been kind enough to give a needy college student a summer job."

I think he was right, and I told him so. Well, that was a long time ago, but I suspect the "do as little as you can" idea is still very much alive—not only in industry but in religion as well. Its effects are evident where Christians want the fewest number of weekly services, the shortest sermons, the least amount of church activities, the smallest budget, and no personal involvement in the growth of the church. In such an atmosphere, foreign missions fares badly because it is placed last on the list of priorities—if it makes the list at all. Such a shameful philosophy is indefensible. Surely Christ would have His Church produce to capacity.

One area where we can demonstrate that we truly do want to stretch ourselves for Christ is in mission giving. This year, in celebration of its 75th anniversary, Brethren Foreign Missions has set a goal of one million dollars. This figure was not arrived at arbitrarily, but was determined as a realistic goal for the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Present giving to foreign missions amounts to \$26.00 per year per member, which isn't much in light of today's economy. Fortunately, at least one district, like my friend at the coil machine, challenged this average and set a new high by giving \$40.00 per member to missions. It would indeed be commendable if every district met this record. However, for this year \$35.00 per member will meet the goal and guarantee a million dollar offering. By multiplying present membership by 35, we arrive at a figure which will provide a reasonable faith-promise goal for the 1975 foreign mission offering.

In honor of the 75th anniversary, in praise to God for His goodness to us down through the years, and to encourage our team of faithful missionaries serving around the world, let's make every attempt to reach this significant goal! 

*A Moment with Missions*

Family, opportunities, circumstances—God uses them all to bring to completion His plan for His children. Since becoming a Christian as a child in Washington, D.C., more than 30 years ago, I've known that God had His hand in my life. I've learned that He chose me even before the foundations of the world were laid (cf. Eph. 1:4). The Scriptures taught me "that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:6).

It's always much easier to look back and see what God has done than to peer forward and endeavor to perceive what He is going to do. It may be frightening for some people not to know what the future holds, but for the Christian whose faith and trust is in a sovereign God, it's exciting to entrust our futures to Him and let Him lead us "in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake" (Ps. 23:3). After just a few weeks in the offices of the Foreign Missionary Society, I look back and see, with joy and amazement, how God has led to this point in time and this opportunity for service.

In 1945, when my father became the printer at the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, our family moved from Washington, D.C., to Winona Lake, Indiana. After the normal childhood and teen activities, I was graduated from Warsaw High School and proceeded to Bryan College to prepare for the foreign mission field. From early years I had a deep interest in the mission field, particularly in Africa, and a preliminary application for service was accepted by the FMS at the time I began my college work.

After graduation from Indiana University—and marriage that same summer to Gladys Mighells from Randolph, New York (and Bryan College)—I enrolled at Grace Seminary. In addition to excellent theological and Bible training, I had the opportunity to teach in the college, continuing my interest in French and Linguistics.

While my concern with missions continued, my vocational activity made a considerable change. A brief time in graduate study culminated in a great deal of uncertainty about "the next step" in God's plan. The Lord is ever faithful, however, and He directed me into pastoral ministries. It began in

# Still on the Same Team



By Jesse B. Deloe

Waterloo, Iowa, with Pastor John Aeby. Then, my first pastorate on my own (but not without the Lord) was at Cleveland, Ohio, where I was ordained to the ministry in 1965. Following our second pastorate (Dayton, Ohio), God led the Deloe family—we were four by that time—to southern California, where we served for nearly five years.

In each of my pastorates I was concerned about the local church's involvement in worldwide missions—to reach our community, surely, but reaching out to the whole world at the same time. What a joy to see the local church supporting with its prayers, interest, and finances those choice servants whom God has called to distant places! What a joy to see families from the local congregation responding to God's call to go wherever He directs!

It is still my earnest prayer that those churches where I had the privilege of serving will yet see more young people leaving the home church to serve the Lord in pastorates and on foreign fields.

Now God has given me the privilege of working toward the same goals but in a different capacity. As Director of Deputation for the Foreign Missionary Society I see myself as a servant both to the missionaries on furlough and to the churches of our Fellowship. If our people are to understand the ministry on the field, if they are to gain a proper perspective of the worldwide outreach of the Grace Brethren Church, if they are to be involved personally in this ministry, they will have to be acquainted with the workers. Knowing the wonderful corps of God's choicest servants who labor on our nine fields will give the people an appreciation for these folks and an understanding of the work.

Deputation, or itineration, among the churches is a tiring ministry; often it means separation from family for weeks or even months at a time. It means a different bed every night,

meals along the road, lengthy travel at inconvenient times and often in bad weather. I've heard missionaries say that it's lonelier on a deputation tour than it is on the field. *But* it's a valuable and rewarding ministry, too.

One missionary recently reported on itineration by saying that she enjoyed "every minute of it." Meeting God's people, hearing promises of prayer support, sharing the results of God's blessing, bringing understanding of missions, conveying the challenge of Christian service—these considerations make missionary deputation well worth the effort.

"The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me." David wrote those words in Psalm 138:8. I like to think of them as being the Old Testament equivalent to what Paul wrote in Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

To be involved in any phase of God's great work is a privilege and blessing which, by the way, is not reserved for the clergy. How wonderful that every Brethren person can be involved, yes, *ought* to be involved in God's program to "disciple the nations." I don't feel that I've taken a step down in leaving a pastoral ministry to serve in an office building. I'm glad that my early commitment to missions is being realized in my present ministry. I'm still on the same team; the Coach has put me into the game in a different position and I'm just happy to be playing the game. I do praise God that "the Lord will perfect that which concerneth me." ☛

# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

**Southern Ohio District.** Your name may be listed in the *History of the Southern Ohio District* publication which came off the press recently. This 200-page book contains information on the background of the Brethren Church, beginning and organization of the district, a history of each of the district congregations, as well as names and pictures of people who have served faithfully. Many pictures of pastors, with a synopsis of their lives and ministry are also included. The price is \$5.95, including tax. If you have ever served in the Southern Ohio District, you will probably want to send for a copy. Make your remittance payable to The Southern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Send your order to: Rev. C. S. Zimmerman, secretary, historical publications committee, 5035 Longmore Ct., Dayton, Ohio 45424. (If you want your book mailed, add 50c for postage. If you want to simply reserve a copy, send your order and pick it up at national conference. You may pay for it upon receipt of the book.)



The new sanctuary of the North Buffalo Grace Brethren Church.

**Kittanning, Pa.** The North Buffalo Grace Brethren Church celebrated their "Dedication Sunday" on April 6. Greetings were given by several former pastors, and various pastors from the immediate area were present to participate in the service. Dr. Harold H. Etling brought the dedicatory message. Pastor Roy Kreimes began his ministry at this church in January, 1974, and during this time the Lord has wonderfully undertaken and enabled these people, who have done much of the work themselves, to complete the building.

**Sunday School schedule:** Listed below are the Bible books which will be covered in the Brethren adult study guide series for the next four quarters:

Sept.-Oct.-Nov. — I Corinthians  
Dec. '75, Jan. and Feb. '76 — Philippians  
March, April, May '76 — Proverbs  
June, July, August '76 — Galatians.

The Brethren Missionary Herald Co. will be continuing the policy of offering the study guides at half price for church quantity orders, during the quarter of study.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**BODGE, Walter A., 75.** A member of the First Brethren Church of Portis, Kans., died Feb. 8. He spent many hours working at the church doing repair work and general upkeep. Clarence H. Lackey, pastor.

**DUDLEY, Elsie, 68.** April 1. She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash. John R. Terrell, pastor.

**GARWOOD, Arthur, 72.** June 1. He was a member of the First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash. John R. Terrell, pastor.

**HOWELL, Paula, 18.** She was killed in an automobile accident on March 2. She attended the First Brethren Church of Sunnyside, Wash. and the memorial service was conducted by John R. Terrell, pastor.

**MILLER, Virginia, 59.** May 17. She was a member of the First Brethren Church of Sunnyside, Wash. John R. Terrell, pastor.

**MONROE, Theodore R., 70.** He was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Portis, Kans. He served in many positions of the church, and often expressed his great thankfulness for the privilege of being affiliated with a gospel-teaching church. Clarence H. Lackey, pastor.

**RUBE, Ross Raymond** died at the Smith County Memorial Hospital on May 19. Ross was a faithful member of the church. Clarence H. Lackey, pastor.

**SMITH, Annie Boomer, 95,** a member of the First Brethren Church, Portis, Kans., died May 11. The memorial service was conducted by Clarence H. Lackey, pastor.

**STAUFFER, Ida.** She was a faithful member of the Grace Brethren Church, Glendale, Calif. She served in the church as a deaconess and official board member for many years. Donald L. Foreman, pastor.





The congregation of the Susquehanna Grace Brethren Church "pulls" together to break ground on the site of their proposed new church. Rev. George Wilhelm guides the plow as the congregation supplies the muscle-power in an act symbolizing their willingness to cooperate.

Wrightsville, Pa. The weather cooperated with the congregation of the Susquehanna Grace Brethren Church, Sunday, June 1, when they held a ground-breaking service at the site of their proposed new church. The site consists of seven acres on a knoll overlooking the river valley. Evangelist John Becker was the speaker for the occasion, and many pastors and friends from the Northern Atlantic District were present to observe as the whole congregation "pulled" together in this unique service. With Rev. George Wilhelm at the plow handle, the church members pulled on ropes attached to an old plow. After turning about 50 feet of soil, Pastor Wilhelm said that with that kind of cooperation, the new church will soon be a reality!

Elyria, Ohio. Pastor Mike Wingfield began his ministry here on Sunday, May 18. His home address is: 529 Georgetown Ave., M-38, Elyria, Ohio 44035. His phone number is 216/365-9853. Please change your *Annual*.

Pasadena, Calif. (EP)—The Fuller Evangelistic Association has formed a new Church Growth Department "to revive my father's burning passion for evangelism," says President Daniel P. Fuller, speaking of the late Charles E. Fuller who founded the organization. Heading the new department is Rev. John Wimber, practitioner of church growth from southern California.

Wimber will team up with C. Peter Wagner, Professor of Church Growth in the Fuller School of World Missions, to maximize the association's contribution to evangelism in North America.

## Wedding Bells

A six-months' free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to new subscribers whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Paula Blankenship and Roger Butcher, May 17, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio. Pastor Kenneth Ashman performed the ceremony.

Marilyn Hoxworth and Leslie Cotsamire, June 7, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio. The ceremony was conducted by Pastors Kenneth Ashman and Knute Larson. Debbie Dennis and Darrell Floyd, June 14, Grace Brethren Church, Kent, Wash. James McClellan, pastor.

## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Jenners, Pa. Aug. 31-Sept. 5; Richard M. Smith, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

Armagh, Pa. Sept. 7-12; David R. Plaster, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

Long Beach, Calif. First Brethren Church of Long Beach recently televised their morning service on Channel 46, and the pastor has completed two series (2 weeks each) for TV—one on the Book of I John, and one on Spiritual Gifts. David Hocking, pastor.

Need a film? If your church needs a film for any type of function, the Missionary Herald Co. can furnish it! You pay no more than if you order from someone else, and the Herald Co. receives a small commission. We have contacts all over the United States, and can furnish films from just about any producer. Write us at Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590 or phone for fast service—area 219/267-7158.

Long Beach, Calif. Western Schools of Church Growth, a ministry of the First Brethren Church of Long Beach, has just completed their first year of operation with over 100 students enrolled in the Bible Institute program and over 75 in the Graduate School. The full-time staff includes: Dr. David Hocking as president; Dr. Robert McBirnie, dean of schools; Rev. Keith Essex, academic dean; Rev. Harold Dunning, dean of students; Miss Jill McBirnie, registrar; and Miss Janette Jensen, secretary and bookkeeper. The faculty, in addition to staff members associated with the church, includes pastors from some of the largest churches in southern California. David Hocking, pastor.



REFLECTING GOD'S BLESSINGS THROUGH PATIENCE



# Happiness Is Homemade



—Waterloo, Iowa, Grace Brethren Church mothers and daughters received a bag of fresh homemade popcorn as a special treat at their May get-together.



Each person was encouraged to bring something homemade to display. There were over 400 entries of hand-crafted items.



Need an idea for something a little different? Try this suggestion and include some homespun music and a challenge from God's Word.

## Pray Now!

Editor's note: Ferne Hancock, prayer chairman of the Southern Ohio District WMC, related this story to a district rally about Major Kay Huber Roberts, W.S.A.F.—the first woman commissioned officer in and out of Vietnam, and holder of the Bronze Star.

On being transferred to California, Major Roberts walked into her office and found a boy reading his Bible. Assuming a stern position, she roughly asked, "What are you doing reading your Bible here?"

Steve: "May I get you a cup of coffee?"

Major: "I asked you a question!"

Steve: "I thought you could have a cup of coffee while I tell you my story."

Steve had been a drug addict—a hopeless case. Soon he was to receive a dishonorable discharge. He told of his conversion experience and begged to be allowed to stay in the service. His request was granted, and he was given an office position. Reading his Bible kept him from associating with other servicemen with a drug problem. He had prayed that his next boss would be a Christian.

Steve: "If you don't want me to read in this office, I'll find another place. Ma'am, do you know my Jesus?"

Major: "Yes, Steve, I know your Jesus and as long as I am in this office, you may read your Bible here."

Steve's testimony of salvation *from* drugs and *to* Christ was instrumental in bringing about the salvation of a senator and his father. They had heard Steve's story and were reading the Bible together while in an airport. This salvation story is being repeated over and over as concerned people in Washington are searching for answers and finding Christ.

Major: "If you ever prayed, pray now! The destiny of our nation depends on you and me as believers—not the lost people in the world who do not know Him as Saviour."

*"If my people, who are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (11 Chron. 7:14).*





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*"That ye would walk worthy of God, who  
hath called you unto his kingdom and glory."  
1 Thessalonians 2:12*

## MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS — OCTOBER 1975

(If no address is listed, the address will be found on pages 35 and 36 of the 1975 Brethren Annual.)

### AFRICA

Mrs. R. Bruce Paden . . . . . October 11  
Mrs. Roy B. Snyder . . . . . October 20  
Rev. Marvin L. Goodman . . . . . October 22

### BRAZIL

Sharon Marie Schwartz . . . . . October 2, 1960  
Rev. Timothy H. Farner . . . . . October 2  
    rua Javari, No. 161, Uberlandia, Minas Gerais,  
    Brazil, S.A. 38.400.  
Rev. George A. Johnson . . . . . October 5  
Timothy Roy Burk . . . . . October 8, 1958  
Mrs. Bill A. Burk . . . . . October 18

### EUROPE

Jacqueline Sue Julien . . . . . October 19, 1964

### MEXICO

Sharon Louise Churchill . . . . . October 5, 1959  
Jonathan Paul Dowdy . . . . . October 12, 1962  
Martin Paul Guerena . . . . . October 31, 1960

### IN THE UNITED STATES

Rev. J. Paul Dowdy . . . . . October 18

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— *Through the Years with WMC* has not hit the best-selling list—yet. If you want to know *anything* about WMC, send \$1.00 to the national financial secretary-treasurer and ask for one of these informative books.

— Are you a has been? "Has been officers" in a WMC group should give all current materials to "is being officers." Be sure to pass your materials on promptly.

#### offering emphasis

Harvest for the Operation & Publication Expense Fund will be very soon. Plants are in full bloom and the yield should be better than ever before. September 10 is the day for marketing.



# THE SWITCHBOARD

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director; James Long, assistant to the director.

Christian Education Department

## NEWS AND VIEWS

The second annual *World Bible Quiz* will be held this month at Taylor University in Upland, Indiana. The tournament will run for three days (August 21-23) and is open to Brethren quiz teams. The cost is \$25 per person. Quizzing will cover the same material as Brethren quizzing, First and Second Corinthians.

The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches was among the denominations and youth organizations represented at last year's *World Bible Quiz* held at Winona Lake, Indiana. Four Brethren teens placed within the top 12 listing of individual scoring. *Beth Holmes* from the Northeastern Ohio District placed fourth, with a 60-point average. Fifth place was *Bob Kulp* from Northern Atlantic District, with a 53-point average. *Sue McCune* from Northcentral Ohio District and *Paula Beichler* from Northeastern Ohio District placed 11th and 12th, respectively. Both had an average of 32 points.

For more information on this year's *World Bible Quiz* contact: Quiz Specialties, Box 527, Kansas City, Missouri 64141.

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## PSA INSIGHT

A computed evaluated Sunday School report of the  
National Fellowship of Brethren Churches

### AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

of all reporting Sunday Schools\* . . . . . June, 1974—160  
 . . . . . June, 1975—161

### GROWTH INDEX BASED ON 178 REPORTING CHURCHES

June, 1974 weekly average attendance . . . . . 27,299  
 June, 1975 weekly average attendance . . . . . 28,625  
 NET GAIN in reporting churches . . . . 1326 persons or up 4.9 percent

### SUMMARY

96 churches registered increases totaling . . . . . 2,200  
 74 churches registered losses totaling . . . . . 876  
 Largest numerical increase . . . . . Worthington, Ohio  
 Largest percentage increase . . . . . Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

\* The larger the number of reporting churches, the more accurately these figures will represent the church growth picture of the NFBC. We urge the total support of the churches of the NFBC in this computer-evaluated church growth analysis which is provided free of charge to churches of the Fellowship by the Christian Education Department.

### JUNE CONTEST WINNERS

| <u>Div.</u> | <u>Church</u>                   | <u>Pastor</u>     | <u>Superintendent</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| A           | — Columbus, Ohio                | James Custer      | Donald Garlock        |
| B           | — Wooster, Ohio                 | Kenneth Ashman    | Jerry Phelps          |
| C           | — St. Petersburg, Fla.          | William Tweeddale | Dennis Lambert        |
| D           | — Johnstown, Pa.<br>(Riverside) | Don Rough         | Leroy Spangler        |
| E           | — Washington, Pa.               | Shimer Darr       | R. Dennis Malone      |
| F           | — Union, Ohio                   | Ron Picard        | William Cochran       |
| G           | — Indianapolis, Ind.            | Paul Woodruff     | Glen Baker            |
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**RECORD ATTENDANCES**—Dillsburg, Pa.—87; Mt. Laurel, N.J.—111;  
 Bethlehem, Pa.—112; Santa Ana, Calif.—55; Union, Ohio—417.



We heard music and recognized the face of Missionary Phil Guerena in the crowd. The young people's group of the Brethren Church in Mexico were all there to serenade us on our arrival at the airport. The airport was crowded but we were the "celebrities" being welcomed.



The "707" jet flight from chilly Cleveland, Ohio, had been great. Now we're stepping into the warm sunshine of Mexico City. I can hardly believe that this is happening to me!



Mexican hospitality and warm Christian fellowship were the two biggest impressions of the week. The Guerena home was one of six opened to entertain our team. The church services are also conducted in homes at the present time.







(Left to Right)  
Karen Winey  
Ken Lanning  
Beth Holmes  
Denny Duncan  
Paula Beichler  
Dave Alley

# Snapshot Recollections

Quiz Team Trip to Mexico City 1975



I think we climbed to the top of every pyramid. The amazing part was that Howard Mayes and our Quiz Coaches, Don and Marie Streit, kept up with us. We learned all kinds of historical stuff too. Missionaries Phil Guereña and Harry Burke were great guides.

Along with many good times of Christian fellowship with the church people, we crowded each day with some exciting sightseeing. At Xochimilco we rented this boat and enjoyed a delicious picnic of freshly roasted meat, tortillas, avocados and soft drinks. While cruising miles of flower-lined canals, we were serenaded by various musicians.



The teenage Christians in Mexico City became our special friends and the fellowship with them was really great. We spent our last day in Mexico at a Christian camp in the mountains outside of Mexico City where we had a demonstration of Bible quizzing competition. The girls won this one. The guys told the audience that it was a U.S. custom for guys to let girls win contests. Oh well, they were pretty good about carrying our baggage anyway.





# You Can't Begin Too Soon

## The Child and Self

By Wesley Haystead

During the hectic process of rapid growth in the early years of life, children acquire many labels, both verbal and nonverbal.

"He's all boy! What a handful!"

"She's such a pretty little doll."

"He just never sits still. I don't know what I'm going to do with him."

"Oh, what a good boy you are! You ate all your peas!"

"Why are you so naughty? That was a bad, bad thing!"

The list of statements and attitudes that people convey to young children in response to their behavior is endless. Almost every move the child makes seems to elicit reactions. By accumulating all these bits and pieces of encounters with other people, he begins his lifelong task of building his self-image.

### Establish and enforce reasonable rules

Rules and standards that are reasonable and that are consistently enforced help parents give children a stable framework for building a worthwhile self-image.

Too many restrictions, however, can be just as damaging to the child's growing self-image, as too few. Rules should be appropriate to the child's stage of development. They need to be firm, but always suited to the child's ability to understand and respond. Telling a child that a rule must be obeyed "because I say so" is really an admission that it is not a very good rule. Paul instructed parents to avoid exasperating and discouraging children (cf. Col. 3:21), which are the results of inappropriate and inconsistent rules. Acceptable behavior will only be forthcoming when the rule and the reason for it have been communicated to a child in terms he can understand.

### Give specific instruction

Mrs. Lasher was continually distraught at the constant state of upheaval in her three-year-old's room. Her repeated commands to Margie to "clean up and put away your toys," produced results far short of Mother's wishes. Finally, she realized that Margie simply did not understand what was expected of her. The instructions were too general. When Mrs. Lasher took the time to work with Margie and give her specific directions, one at a time, the job was completed. Best of all, both Margie and Mother felt much better about the entire situation. A source of much irritation was removed from the relationship.

### Accept honest emotions

Parents need to make rules in a climate of honest acceptance. Many times a young child may understand the reason for a decision, but he still does not like it. Unhappiness, fear, anger, frustration do not evaporate just because Mom or Dad give an order that they should. Parents persist in struggling with a child, telling him he is silly, stubborn, perverse, disobedient, childish and a host of other adjectives in an attempt to persuade him to disown an emotional state that to him is very real.

Who would be so unthinking as to tell a bereaved widow not to feel lonely because she will "get over it" eventually? Such comments would only add to the widow's emotional burden.



Children, however, are often refused respect as they try to handle a strong emotion, especially if it is considered to be improper. It is at these times that the child's feelings need to be accepted. And he needs an adult's help in learning to handle these feelings.

There is no substitute for honesty. A child will only feel safely accepted by the adults in his life when he knows he can be himself and will still be loved.

### Provide for healthy activity

Another key ingredient of a positive self-image is acquiring the ability to achieve. As the young child experiments and works with toys and other materials in his environment he develops certain skills. Learning to dress himself and tie his shoes give a child great satisfaction in accomplishment. "I wanna help," is a common plea. While it is true that the young child's "help" is usually more of a hindrance than an assist, the patient and understanding parent will be frequently rewarded with the priceless beam of happiness on the face of a proud boy or girl. "Look! I did it myself!"

*Editor's note:* This article is excerpted from *You Can't Begin Too Soon* by Wesley Haystead (G/L Regal Books, copyright 1974. All rights reserved). It is shared as the first in a series of articles designed to acquaint you with what is available and to aid you in ministry to different age groups. Wesley Haystead is one of the five original team members of the International Center for Learning teaching staff, specializing in Early Childhood education. His teaching experience included serving as a Minister of Christian Education and a consultant in Children's Ministry. He holds a master's degree in educational psychology and is an instructor in Christian Education at a southern California college, in addition to his responsibilities with ICL and the editorial staff of G/L Publications.

### Offer praise for accomplishment

Positive recognition from Mom and Dad has a powerful effect on the behavior and attitude of a young child, far more powerful than punishment for failure. Positive reinforcement for desirable behavior satisfies the child's need for attention, strengthens the likelihood that the action will be repeated and builds his feelings of achievement.

However, evaluations of a child's performance should be realistic. To proclaim every action as a great accomplishment can only lead to cheapening the recognition. Praise should be directed at the child's *performance*, not at his person. Both negative and positive evaluations can be very threatening to a child if he sees them as statements of the kind of person he is. Labels put unnecessary and often harmful pressure on the child. Rather than calling a child "a bad boy," it is better to specify that the action was unacceptable. Criticism can be a subtle problem when it brings a child to perceive his personal status is dependent on his performance.

This demand for performance causes stress and worry. It limits the child's concept of self-worth. These problems can be avoided by making it clear that the child is always accepted. Parents can express reactions by statements such as, "I like the way you put away your blocks," "Thank you," "Your picking up the papers was a big help to me." Avoid attaching value judgments to the child by the use of phrases such as, "You're such a good boy" or "You're so nice to do that."

### Give a child focused attention

Interacting purposefully with a child requires that parents be sensitively alert to their child as a unique individual. This involves displaying a quality of respect for the child as a family member and human being with rights and privileges. It does not signify that the parent should abdicate his own rights, but rather refers to an attitude of "focused attention" in which the parent establishes times to become involved with the child at a personal level.

Sherri's father planned his day so he could give her his full attention for at least a brief period. He found many things he considered ordinary took on a new dimension of interest when he began sharing them with his daughter. He found that, far from being a chore, this interaction with Sherri was delightful. Each day new experiences brought new discoveries and enjoyments. Sherri gave her sense of wonder to each encounter and Dad contributed his knowledge and vocabulary. Dad treated her as a person worthy of being the center of his interest at these times. This kind of focused attention helped Sherri build a healthy view of herself and a lasting relationship with her father.

All of these early experiences of life are highly crucial to a child's concept of himself. "As the twig is bent . . ." has long been part of Western folklore. Scientific data supports this view. The origins of self lie in the early years. How the child will see himself is influenced by the way he is treated, the opportunities provided for him, how he is evaluated as he copes with these opportunities, and how he perceives these evaluations."



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## Dear Editor

□ First, I know that this "master-piece" is not going to find its way into the Library of Congress or be put under glass in the National Archives. Second, I know that Mr. Turner and his staff must be very busy meeting deadlines on the literature published and distributed by BMH. So, I don't expect the BMH staff to go into spasms of ecstasy when they get this letter.

However, I have looked over all the *Heralds* and I can't find any advertisements for liquor, wine, cigarettes, beer, automobiles, perfume, deodorants, ad infinitum. It's been a long time since I have been to Winona Lake, but I have never seen your money tree! Do you have one? The Lord manifests His blessings in many special and often miraculous ways, but I have never heard of Him dropping down bags of money on even His most favored children, and I feel the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches fits that category. It is "most favored" because of its faithfulness to His Word. So, an *amazing* thought has occurred to me—about the only way you get any money is from gifts from interested Christians and the sale at nominal costs of books and other literature.

The enclosed check could not, by any stretch of the imagination, be classified with "giving you the shirt off my back," but I trust it will help your operation. I am sending my offering direct, but please give our church credit.—*New Mexico*

*Address your letter to the editor, Rev. Charles W. Turner, Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. All letters must be signed, although names will not be used in the magazine.*



# The Endangered Species or Country Living Is Really Living

By Charles W. Turner  
Editor

"It is wonderful to live in the country!" These words are heard from time to time by city dwellers. Perhaps people who live in the country do not use this sentence as frequently. Several years ago we built a home away from the "heavy traffic" of Winona Lake, in other words, in the suburbs. If you have ever been to Winona Lake, you will realize there are times when the traffic might be called "heavy"—nothing, of course, like freeway traffic in Los Angeles or New York City during the rush hours! Nevertheless, we do have our share of congestion at times. Our new home is located on an unpaved road—out where you can get next to nature and live with clouds of dust as God intended man to live.

One of the attractions of our home is the immediate nearness of a semi-wooded area of beautiful oak trees. It is such a delight to sit and eat breakfast while we watch the chipmunks running on the patio and the squirrels jumping from tree to tree. Then there is the beautiful red-headed woodpecker and his family. His brilliant red head and white neck make a striking picture, for he is dressed in a black suit.

My attachment to him grew stronger each day. So, thinking he deserved a name and not being too original, I called him "Woodie." When he left that first time to go where all woodpeckers go in the winter, I missed him and his family. But one spring morning he was back, and all the world seemed bright again.

But all love must be guarded lest something come between the parties. However, you guessed it, something happened between Woodie and me, and communications broke down. I

awoke one morning to a strange sound like an air hammer on the side of the garage. It took me a while to realize it was Woodie, and he was working on the side of my cedar boards. I went and pecked (not too lightly) a message on the inside of the garage telling him to quit. He only interpreted the message to be from another woodpecker on the inside of the garage, so he continued to relay further communication to me. His visits came regularly at 5:30 in the morning for some time. In fact he still visits with regularity. The evidence of his presence and his dedication to work are some rather large holes in the siding and a pile of sawdust on the ground.

Forgive me, fellow ecologist, and those who have great concern for the endangered species! But please don't ask me to donate toward a fund for the preservation of red-headed woodpeckers. Not one cent of tribute will I pay for the preservation of these beautiful birds. They may be of rare beauty, but I maintain they are determinedly destructive.

We have had quite a few organizations spring up of late for the protection and preservation of wildlife. The whooping crane, a rather odd and clumsy creature, just may make it because of efforts spent to keep it from extinction. "Save the Whales," "Save the Seals," "Save the Buffalos" . . . have all met with some success. And the causes are good—I guess. But I would feel a bit better about it if someone would start an organization with a drive to "Save the Human Race." At the pace we are now moving

and the treatment we are giving to each other, it might not be too long until we are extinct. Human life is getting cheaper all the time with free abortion clinics and crime and violence on the streets. Senseless murders with the protection of the criminal make us look hopefully for help.

There is also another endangered species that seems to be rapidly moving toward extinction. It is the *dedicated Christian*. He and she are getting fewer and fewer all the time. Ask the average pastor how many he has left in his congregation. If he is honest he will report there are less than in previous years, and the number seems to be declining at an alarming rate. The church seeks to protect these "special" people, and rightly so, as it should be a breeding ground for them, but somehow the enemy gets through and converts the dedicated Christian into a Sunday-morning-church attender. There is a big difference between a dedicated Christian worker and one who is only a "once a weeker" or just an "attender."

Maybe we can form a protective society with a concern for one another. A group which will make an honest effort to see if it can lend comfort and support to the dedicated Christian by praying and by giving assistance in the time of need. It will involve devotion and a zealous expenditure of spiritual effort, but the results could be dramatic. Under such conditions fellow Christians would increase in number, and we could take them off the list of "endangered" and move them to the "healthy and multiplying" list. That would be a great day . . . a worthwhile project!



# Introducing



People caring. People sharing. People giving. People growing. The Brethren Home Missions Council is interested in reaching the people of America with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Some people help us by working on our staff; others attend a home mission church; many give financial support; some spend their vacation at a home mission point. Whatever the function, Brethren Home Missions is people serving.

People of all ages can serve, therefore, we would like to introduce a new program of Brethren Home Missions called PROP—Program for Retired, Optional Personnel in home missions service.

PROP is designed for persons who want to devote their retirement years on a self-supporting basis to the development of Brethren Home Mission points. We feel that retirement years can be fruitful, high-quality years, and PROP is an opportunity for those who have been backing Brethren Home Missions over the years to become actively involved in the work.

## PROGRAM FOR RETIREED OPTIONAL PERSONNEL



*The Brethren Messianic Testimony*

The general purpose of PROP is to use the productive years of the retired to provide personnel for church extension and to bolster home mission points. Commitment will be for a two-year term of service on a self-supporting basis so as not to add to the budget of Brethren Home Missions. However, candidates may be supported by local churches or individuals with the approval of the Council.

All PROP candidates must be: *Physically* able to carry on the work and to care for themselves; *Spiritually* right in their daily relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ; *Doctrinally* in harmony with the statement of faith of the Brethren Home Missions Council; *Compatible* with other personnel and apt to meet the need.

Places of service will include: The Brethren Navajo Mission; Dryhill and Clayhole, Kentucky; The Brethren Messianic Testimony; Home Mission church points; and Brethren Home Mission headquarters.

Are you interested in PROP service with home missions? Write to us and let us know about it. We will be glad to send you more information on the program. The Brethren Home Missions Council, Box 587, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

*A program for the use of retired personnel at  
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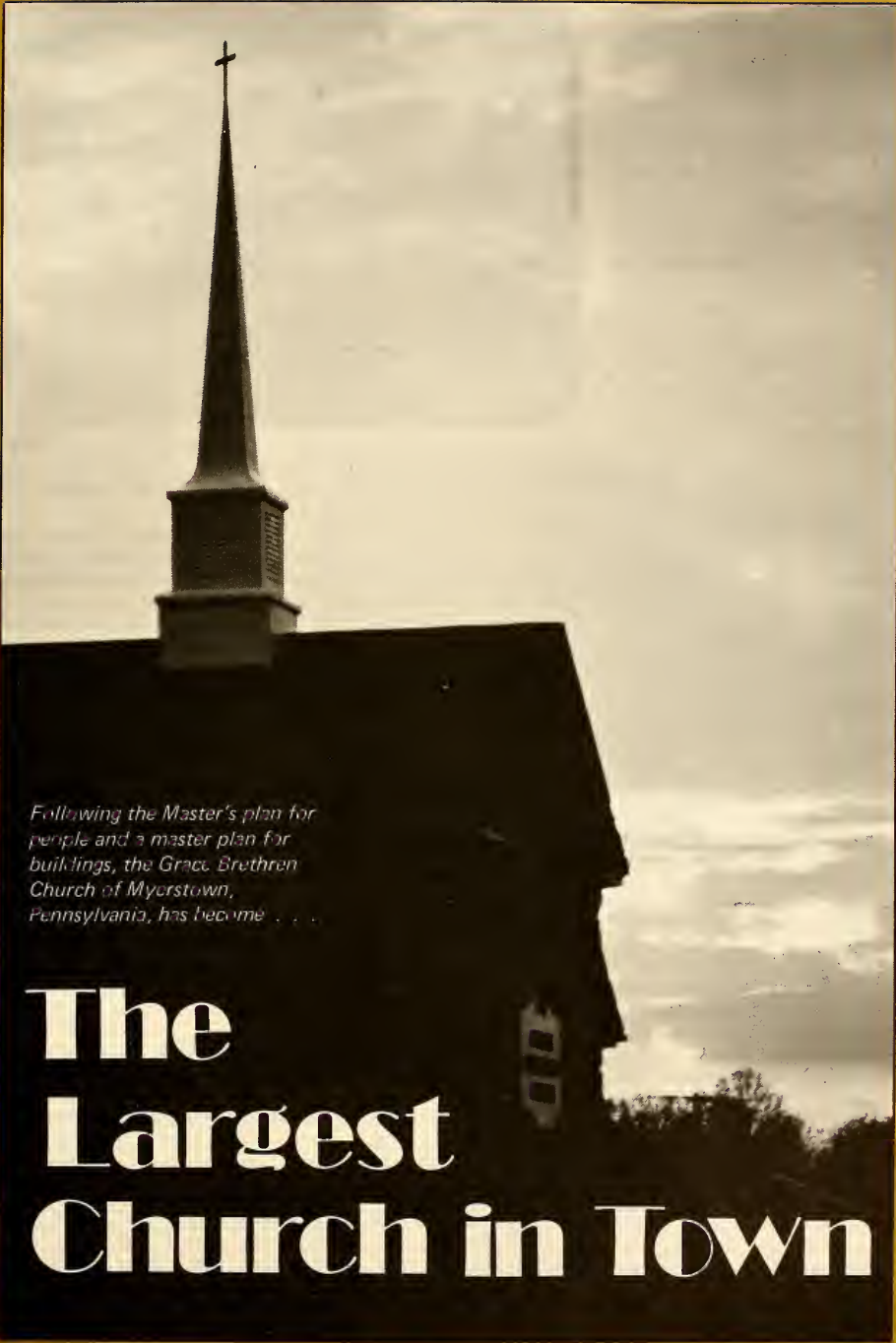
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Church of Myerstown,  
Pennsylvania, has become . . .*

# The Largest Church in Town

The family car, "a six-passenger bus," is the only busing program this church operates. And the church parking lot is jammed with six-passenger buses. It is an indication of the family philosophy of the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown, Pennsylvania.

Contrary to the philosophy of many churches today—reach the kids, then reach their parents—Myerstown approaches it this way: reach the parents and the kids will come automatically. Who can argue with their success?

Take note of the master building plan for this church. By 1978, a 1,500-seat sanctuary will be in use; a senior high school building for Grace Christian School will be under way; a retirement village and recreational site will be planned on the 90 acres of land to be purchased by the church. Take note also that five years ago, attendance averaged only 130 for the morning worship. Today it has climbed over the 600 mark.

A lot needs to happen at the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown over the next few years to fulfill this master plan. According to the past record of growth, however, a lot will happen!

In a recent interview with Pastor Luke Kauffman, Dr. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, learned some of the facts behind the church's growth.

Myerstown became a home mission church in 1969 when Pastor Kauffman arrived on the field. Less than two years later, the church went on a self-supporting basis.

Though the association with Brethren Home Missions was shorter than normal, Pastor Kauffman affirms its necessity. "We enjoyed a beautiful relationship with the Council and the Northern Atlantic District Mission Board. The Home Missions Council vitally affected the growth of this church by freeing me from seeking outside employment and allowing me to give full attention to the work of the church. Our first building program started less than a year after I came."

Myerstown itself, with a population of about 3,000 is not a large city. The church, however, draws from the larger Lebanon-Lancaster-Berks tri-county area. Originally the townspeople gave the "fly-by-night-opera-



tion" little hope of success in the area. Interestingly enough, it is now the largest church in Myerstown and holds the largest Sunday morning attendance in Lebanon County. The combined attendance of two morning worship services makes Myerstown the largest Brethren church in the Northern Atlantic District and in Pennsylvania.

A strong Bible-teaching ministry is given the greatest emphasis at the church. Pastor Kauffman preaches to the needs of a great cross-section of people. His teaching is carefully aimed. "We have three types of Bible ministry in the church. On Sunday morning, we attempt to give an evangelistic type 'milk' ministry by preaching a series on a book of the Bible.

"Sunday night the focus changes to 'Bible Conference Hour.' Special music is featured and the platform is filled with men of the church who help lead the service. Here I attempt to give an in-depth presentation of God's Word.

"There is another change in focus

for the Wednesday night 'Bible Institute Hour.' For this I distribute notes similar to those of a Bible class in college.

"With these three areas of teaching we try to meet the needs of the people Biblically on all levels of maturity."

The evidence of success in meeting these needs is the crowded conditions of the services. Double services were begun on Sunday morning to accommodate the overflow crowd. However, the evening service average of 445 exceeds the 374 membership figure.

The advanced Bible study of the midweek service is well received and averages nearly 300 in attendance.

To handle the crowded conditions, new construction is under way to provide 13 additional classrooms and 3 more offices. Three custom-made mobile units also provide 10 classrooms and an office for Grace Christian School. The school will include grades K-5 next year and the plan is to add one grade per year.

#### ATTENDANCE CHART GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH, MYERSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

|                       | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975<br>(to May) |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------------------|
| Sunday School . . .   | 50   | 112  | 183  | 308  | 385  | 497  | 567              |
| Morning Worship . .   | 65   | 130  | 237  | 326  | 450  | 542  | 646              |
| Evening Service . . . | 45   | 107  | 188  | 239  | 302  | 336  | 445              |
| Midweek Service . .   | 18   | 50   | 95   | 141  | 190  | 253  | 287              |
| Membership . . . . .  | 43   | 77   | 126  | 161  | 264  | 360  | 374              |
| Baptism . . . . .     | 11   | 25   | 78   | 112  | 118  | 111  | 62               |
| Souls saved . . . . . | 15   | 40   | 97   | 102  | 108  | 124  | 64               |



*"It is most unusual to have an entire Sunday go by with no response in any of the services. In fact, I don't recall any such service so far in 1975."*

Though the church has become well known in Myerstown, an outreach program is functioning. "We do have a personal evangelism course being taught in the church continually, built on the original GROW 73 program," notes Pastor Kauffman. "But I would say the majority of the people who come are informally invited by those who are already attending. Ours has been a very spontaneous and enthusiastic outreach that the people have generated themselves on an informal basis."

Nearly every service has the excitement of people making public decisions. According to Pastor Kauffman, "It is most unusual to have an entire Sunday go by with no response in any of the services. In fact, I don't recall any such service so far in 1975." Over the past five years, 495 decisions of salvation have been recorded, and 481 have been baptized.

The dimension of the total operation requires a great deal of preparation by the pastor. His priorities stand in this order: sermon preparation, administration, and visitation. In explaining his system, Pastor Kauffman claimed, "If the pulpit has food to offer, other areas a pastor cannot accommodate can be covered. Second, I aim for administration. You've got to manage a church and care for the vision. Third in line is visitation. I do believe in visiting, but I emphasize that the church people themselves can do much of the visiting ministry. For our congregation, church builder number one has been a strong Biblical exposition of God's Word accompanied by



the love of the people for one another."

Of Dutch descent, Pastor Kauffman fits well into the heartland of the Pennsylvania Dutch. He is a graduate of Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary, and pastored the Grace Brethren Church of Beaverton, Oregon, for three years.

Just because Myerstown has experienced rapid growth does not make it a perfect church. It has problems just like any other church. The approach to the problems is what makes the difference. From Pastor Kauffman's point of view, "People respond to an enthusiastic, positive outlook in the Lord's work. I try not to major on problems, but instead to major on blessings. Myerstown most certainly is not a perfect church, but we do not

wish to keep people in the negative by reminding them of what we have not done. Therefore, I refuse to major on church problems."

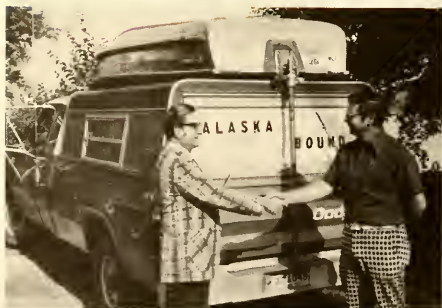
With this brief glimpse, it is clear that the ministry of the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown is full of joy and enthusiasm. The congregation reflects the vision and happiness of service for God. The surrounding area has keenly observed the development of the group from a small handful to a dynamic Brethren church.

The leadership of Pastor Luke Kauffman and the cooperation and love of his people have built an outstanding church in our Fellowship. It is a joy for The Brethren Home Missions Council to have had a part in the early stages of its development into the successful church it is today. ☞





# People Caring



- *There seem to be a lot of people who don't care anymore.*
- *They don't care about the hungry.*
- *They don't care about the disadvantaged.*
- *They only care about themselves.*

*People in Brethren Home Missions still care about others. They care enough to give the very best—the Gospel—to meet the deepest needs of people.*

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# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

**Colorado Springs, Colo.** "Childrens Day '75" will long remain in the memory of the folks here. Our own Marlys Morrel and Dodie, her ventriloquist's dummy, did a very exceptional presentation. Also the young adult drama group performed "Mr. Goodfellow & Co." in which short skits were presented about children's problems. Adults were appropriately dressed playing the parts and the answers to the problems were given from the Scriptures by Mr. Goodfellow.

A "red letter day" was celebrated on June 29 with 221 in attendance. Rev. Robert and Betty Thompson shared with us in sermon and song and a family fellowship dinner followed. (Yes, Bob even brought his guitar!) Thomas Inman, pastor.

**Here and There.** The Lititz Grace Brethren Church has a new address. Warwick Township has adopted a street numbering system and the new church address is: 501 West Lincoln Ave., Lititz, Pa. 17543. The Ashland Grace Brethren Church has some new phone numbers. The new church number is 419/289-8334 and Mrs. Leona Miller's, secretary, is 419/325-1313. Pastor and Mrs. David Goodman's Bowling Green address is 121 S. Enterprise, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402. Rev. Lee Dice will be assuming the pastorate at the Hope Grace Brethren Church, Dillsburg, Pa., as of July 1. His new address is: P.O. Box 275, Dillsburg, Pa. 17019. Richard Jensen's new home address is: 1149 Woodville Rd., Mansfield, Ohio 44907. Please change your *Annual*.

**Alexandria, Va.** Pastor Kenneth L. Teague has submitted his resignation as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church to become effective Sept. 7. Pastor Teague plans to take a break from pastoring for personal health reasons. He will be available for special meetings or pulpit supply work.

**Winona Lake, Ind.** Ten weeks in Greece to translate Hebrew—this is the mission of Grace Theological Seminary professor, Dr. S. Herbert Bess. He and 27 other leading Bible scholars from America and Canada are in Athens this summer translating the Old Testament for the New International Version (NIV). The NIV is a monumental effort of over 100 scholars from nations throughout the English-speaking world to translate the Bible accurately and at the same time in the language of 20th century man. The New Testament appeared on the market in 1973 and the Old Testament is expected to be completed by 1978. Three other Grace Seminary professors have devoted time to this project: Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr., Dr. John J. Davis, and Prof. James R. Battenfield.

**Mabton, Wash.** The Grace Brethren Church of Mabton, Wash., is delighted to announce that Pastor and Mrs. Paul Dixon have recently moved to Mabton to fill the pulpit vacancy. Pastor Dixon is a recent graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary and is the son of Pastor and Mrs. James G. Dixon of the Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington (D.C.).

**Virginia Beach, Va.** "Founders Day" took place at our church on Sunday, June 15, with three former pastors participating. Rev. A. Harold Arrington, the first pastor of our church, brought the morning message. Rev. Frank Gardner, the second pastor, spoke at a sunrise service which was held at Cape Henry. Our third pastor, Rev. Daniel Eshleman, challenged us during the Sunday School hour. A great day was experienced as we fellowshiped with our former founders. Edward Lewis, pastor.

## Wedding Bells

A six-month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to new subscribers whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Darlene Hollinger and Jeffrey Marks, May 10, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.

Cindy Hoover and Rick Rumsey, May 24, North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio. Pastor Kenneth Cosgrove performed the ceremony and he was assisted by Mr. Herbert Hoover, uncle of the bride.

Donna Keener and Harry Beamesderfer, June 7, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.

Lisa Patterson and David Hannahan, June 7, Brookville Grace Brethren Church, Brookville, Ohio.

Kathleen Miller and Eugene Martin, June 14, Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.

Patsi Allen and Wayne Moore, June 20, Grace Brethren Church, Virginia Beach, Va.

Barbara Brickel and Paul Klink, June 28, Brookville Grace Brethren Church, Brookville, Ohio. The ceremony was performed by the father of the bride, Rev. Clair Brickel, and Rev. G. Forrest Jackson assisted.

Gloria Jean McMichael and David Alan Osterland, June 28, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

The following marriages were performed by Pastor Knute Larson, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio: Laura Brehm and Charles Loftis, Jr.; Kathy Collins and Dale Hammond; Nancy Hinerman and Wes Collins.



**Myerstown, Pa.** The Overseas Missionary Fellowship, formerly The China-Inland Mission, held its 1975 commissioning service in the Myerstown Grace Brethren Church on Sunday, June 29. Seven missionary couples were presented for world service in Southeast Asia. Speaking for this most impressive service was Rev. Ernest E. Heimbach, USA director, OMF; and Rev. Luke E. Kauffman, pastor of the local church. The OMF has located its North American headquarters in Robesonia, just a few miles east of Myerstown. Luke Kauffman, pastor.

**Whittier, Calif. (First).** The "Strawberry Fling" was *berry* successful. Each family was to bring a favorite dessert made with strawberries. To highlight the food and fellowship several entered the contest to guess how many strawberries were used in all of the desserts. (By the way, the cooks were to count how many berries they put in their favorite dessert.) A large strawberry pillow was presented to the "Strawberry King," Roy Fralick. His guess was 1,612. The actual count was 1,606 3/4. It's amazing how many different desserts can be made from strawberries!!

**Hagerstown, Md. (Grace).** Rev. and Mrs. Raymond H. Kettell were honored on Sunday, June 29. The occasion was the retirement of the Kettells from 50 years of gospel ministry. A love offering of \$2,000 was presented to the honorees. Mr. Kettell had served as minister of visitation for the past 5 1/2 years. The Kettells have moved into Grace Village, our Brethren retirement home in Winona Lake, Ind. Robert B. Collitt, pastor.

**New Haven, Conn. (EP)**—Decline of morality in the United States is "the greatest threat to national and international security," declares a high-ranking former prisoner of war in an article appearing in *Columbia* magazine.

Rear Admiral Jeremiah A. Denton, Jr., senior officer aboard the plane carrying the first group of POW's from North Vietnam to the Philippines, singles out "discouraging signs of dwindling national respect for God and His laws."

He also cites "an ever-growing erosion of the institution of family life and a deterioration of law and order, both natural and inevitable consequences of abandoning God and His laws."

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**ALLEN, Ellis**, a charter member of the Virginia Beach Grace Brethren Church. Edward Lewis, pastor.

**BURCHAM, Harlan H.**, May 13, a faithful member of the Brookville Grace Brethren Church, Brookville, Ohio. Clair E. Brickel, pastor.

**MYERS, Roy F.**, June 13. He was the chairman of the deacon board in Washington, D.C., for over 20 years and was also active as a lay preacher, speaking nearly every week at Blue Plains, a rest home in Washington, D.C. He was the father of Pastor M. Lee Myers, Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

**THOMPSON, Lester**, 79, June 13. He was a member of the Calvary Brethren Church, Alto, Mich. Robert Moeller, pastor.



Participating in a special dedication service at Warsaw, Ind., were (l to r) Mr. Greg Ryerson, Dr. Harold Mason, Mr. David Noble, Dr. John Whitcomb, Dr. E. William Male, Rev. Howard Vulgamore.

**Warsaw, Ind.** Gary and Jean Austin were set apart for missionary service on June 22 at their home church, Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Ind. In the absence of Pastor David Miller (who was on vacation), Dr. John C. Whitcomb, president of the board for the Foreign Missionary Society, conducted the commissioning service. On June 27, the Austins left for Africa where they will study the Sango language before beginning their work in the C.A.R. David Miller, pastor.

## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

**Kenai, Alaska.** Aug. 24-29. Edward Jackson, pastor; Nathan M. Meyer, speaker.

**Albany, Oreg.** Aug. 31-Sept. 5. Bruce Button, pastor; Nathan M. Meyer, speaker.

**Myerstown, Pa.** Aug. 31-Sept. 7. Luke Kauffman, pastor; Arnold R. Kriegbaum, speaker.

**Madison, Wis. (EP)**—Paul E. Little, a staff member of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship for 25 years and author of several popular books on evangelism, was killed July 9 in an automobile accident while driving on Route 2 in Ontario, near Barrie. He was 47.

Mr. Little was known to college students throughout the U.S. and the world for his work for IVCF and his books, *How To Give Away Your Faith*, *Know Why You Believe*, and *Know What You Believe*.

He directed Inter-Varsity's 1970 missionary conference in Urbana, Ill., which received extensive publicity for its emphasis on social action. Last year, Mr. Little served as associate program director of the International Congress on World Evangelization in Lausanne, and was acting executive secretary of the Lausanne Continuation Committee.

A Plymouth Brethren layman, Mr. Little was a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania and received a Masters in Biblical Literature from Wheaton (Ill.) College. At the time of his death, he was a candidate for a doctorate in religious education at New York University. He was also a trustee of Wheaton College.



# Thomas Hammers: Alumni Coordinator Retires

One of his current responsibilities is to keep the alumni informed about happenings on campus. This is accomplished through the publication of the "Alumnews" which contains information about alumni and current college activities.

Fund raising is another one of the tasks Mr. Hammers is involved in. This is done mainly through donations of the former students. He reported that over \$63,000 was given last year by alumni of Grace Schools.

He also travels to various parts of the country visiting churches and recruiting prospective students while presenting the ministry of Grace Schools to local groups.

Born in Johnstown, Pennsyl-

vania, on April 6, 1903, Rev. Thomas Hammers wanted to pursue a career in electrical engineering, but due to financial problems he was unable to enroll in technical school. For eight years following graduation from high school, he was employed by the Penn Traffic Company of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, as a window trimmer and an interior decorator.

During this time, while attending the First Brethren Church of Johnstown, Tom dedicated his life to full-time Christian service. The following fall, September 1928, he entered Ashland College in Ashland, Ohio, which at that time was the only Brethren college.

Upon graduation in 1932, he en-

Great love for his Lord and Grace Schools have been trademarks of the 11-year ministry of Alumni Coordinator, Rev. Thomas E. Hammers. Tom, who joined the Grace staff in the fall of 1964 will retire from full-time responsibilities on August 31, 1975, at the age of 72.

After 30 years of Christian service (including five pastorates), Mr. Hammers moved to Winona Lake, Indiana, in 1964 to help start the newly organized Grace Schools Development Department headed by Director of Development, Richard G. Messner. At an age when most men are considering retirement, Tom took on the responsibility of coordinating the alumni records. The first job he undertook was to track down all the alumni of the college and seminary and place information about them in alphabetical, class, and geographical files. Mr. Hammers also helped to organize many alumni functions such as Homecoming, Grace Bible Conferences, and Parents Weekend.



tered Ashland Seminary which was under the direction of Dr. Alva J. McClain, founder of Grace Schools.

While in seminary, he was student pastor for two churches and started another work in Cleveland, Ohio. In June of 1935, he moved to Cleveland and took the church as a full-time ministry.

On November 28, 1935, he married the former Mary Ashman, daughter of Dr. Charles Ashman who at that time was a leader in the Brethren Church.

Rev. and Mrs. Hammers stayed at Cleveland until 1941 when they accepted a call to the pastorate in the First Brethren Church of Tracy, California, which was, like the Cleveland work, a home missions church. After five very fruitful years in Tracy, they moved to the Fremont Avenue Brethren Church, South Pasadena, in 1946.

In 1952, they moved to Seattle,

Washington, to accept the challenge of starting a new Brethren work. Starting out with only a handful of people, the church met for the first three years in the Hammers' home. The Lord blessed and the church grew. Soon the church was able to build their own building. The Hammers pastored the Seattle church for the first seven years of its existence and, in 1959, felt the call of the Lord back to Ohio and the Fremont Grace Brethren Church where Tom completed his last five years of church ministries.

The Hammers are the parents of two children. Their daughter, Janet, serves as organist for the Ghent Brethren Church, Roanoke, Virginia. Their son, Dan, is serving the Lord in France, as a missionary under the Foreign Mission Society of the Brethren Church.

It was Mr. Hammers' privilege to be one of the eighteen men who

met in the home of the late Dr. J. C. Beal in Ashland, Ohio, in June 1937, for a prayer meeting with the purpose of starting Grace Theological Seminary.

Tom Hammers' friendly smile radiates his love for people as he has devoted his life to others—striving, in many ways, to help those with whom he comes in contact. His outgoing personality and his many years in the ministry have definitely been an asset to his work with Grace Schools. Even though he will be retiring soon, Mr. Hammers has plans of starting a "Living Memorial" giving program. It is still in the planning stages, but he has already promised to head up the program "in his spare time." He has also been named Alumni Chaplain.

Rev. Tom Hammers can be proud of his accomplishments over the last 40 years as he has accomplished much in his lifetime.

## Grace 1975-76

### Academic Calendar

#### Fall Semester — 1975

Aug. 22-23—Faculty Workshop  
Aug. 25-27—Orientation & Registration of New Students  
Aug. 26-27—Advising & Registration of Returning Students  
Aug. 28—Classes begin  
Sept. 1—Labor Day  
Sept. 4—Convocation  
Sept. 8-12—Spiritual Life Conference  
Sept. 10—Fall Retreat  
Oct. 4—College Homecoming  
Nov. 4—Fall Day of Prayer  
Nov. 13-14—Pre-registration for Spring Semester  
Nov. 22—College-For-a-Day  
Nov. 27-28—Thanksgiving Recess  
Dec. 17-19—Final Examinations begin  
Dec. 19—Fall Semester ends

#### Spring Semester — 1976

Jan. 19—Registration for Spring Semester  
Jan. 20—Classes begin  
Feb. 10-13—Grace Bible Conference  
Mar. 4—Spring Day of Prayer  
Mar. 26—Easter Vacation begins  
Apr. 5—Classes resume  
Apr. 6-9—Missionary Conference  
Apr. 30—May Day  
May 6-7—Registration for Summer School  
May 8—College-For-a-Day  
May 8-9—Parents Weekend  
May 13-14—Pre-registration for Fall Semester  
May 17—Final Examinations begin  
May 20—Baccalaureate  
May 21—Commencement

#### Summer School

May 25 — July 30



Gerald H. Twombly, who earned the M.Div. from Grace Theological Seminary in 1969 and has the Th.M. in preparation, will become the Director of Alumni Relations for Grace Schools on September 1, 1975. Director of Development, Richard G. Messner, who made the announcement, said Mr. Twombly with his wife, Sandra Lee, and two children, Christopher, 7, and Chad, 5, reside on R. R. 2, Leesburg, Indiana. The Twomblys are members of the Winona Lake Brethren Church.



# "We Are a People, One People"

The Father of Modern Zionism

By Herman A. Hoyt

One hundred and fifteen years ago there was born in Budapest, the other capital of the Hapsburg Empire, a boy who was destined to become the father of the modern state of Israel. Theodor Herzl was born to Hungarian Jewish parents. The father was a wealthy businessman and the director of a small bank. The mother was enamored of German culture, which love she communicated to her son. Their Judaism was vague and superficial, a mechanical routine of little meaning and seldom observed. Like many Jews of that day, parents and son sought to identify with the Gentile majority of that area. There was little in family heritage or early training to suggest that this lad would some day become the human instrument for the establishment of a modern Jewish state.

At the age of 18, the family moved from Budapest to Vienna where Theodor entered the University of Vienna. Tradition and circumstance led him to pursue a course leading to the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence, though his heart was actually in the field of literature. Within the atmosphere of this city and the influence of the University, his career was molded. At the same time, in the same city, Sigmund Freud was likewise coming into his own. It is singular that the influence which finally produced the father of Zionism and the establishment of the modern Jewish state, also in the same city produced the greatest enemy of Jewish people of modern times, Adolf Hitler.

When Herzl had finally finished his training, he renounced law and turned to writing. For years he failed miserably as a playwright. At last he became a journalist reporter to a newspaper in Vienna, but served as a foreign correspondent based in Paris. At this task he was almost immediately an instant success. An anti-Semitic spirit, developing in Vienna and later witnessed in

full flower in the city of Paris, gradually molded his disposition for the role he was to fulfill. The Dreyfus affair crystallized the thinking of Herzl. Alfred Dreyfus, a Jew and a captain in the French Army, was arrested on a trumped-up charge of high treason. The conviction in secret trial began an affair so sordid that all the preceding scandals relating to Jews seemed minor by comparison. This took place in 1894 and for a decade provided the occasion and center about which anti-Semitism grew to amazing proportions throughout Central Europe. This convinced Herzl of the necessity for a Jewish exodus from Europe and instilled within him the realization of the need for an independent Jewish state. In essence this was the last straw.

From this point on Herzl poured all his energies into a plan to promote the establishment of a Jewish state and provide for an exodus of Jews from Europe. He used every opportunity and occasion to promote this cause. He approached the wealthy Jewish magnate of France, Baron Hirsch, Rothschild of England, and he sought an audience with Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany. As his plans became known they were heralded by all sorts of jokes and he was dubbed a madman. Former friends forsook him, and many who once tolerated him became inveterate enemies. An 86-page booklet entitled, *The Jewish State—An Attempt at a Modern Solution of the Jewish Question*, was the one literary instrument calculated to do more than anything else to arouse the Jewish population. This pamphlet swept through the ranks of Jewry and constituted to them a clarion call—"We are a people, one people." The six million Jews in Czarist Russia who suffered as none of the Jews of Western Europe had suffered took hope and felt that another Moses had arisen to lead them out of bondage.

This movement touched a ten-year-old lad of Plonsk, Poland, David Ben Gurion, who later became the first prime minister of Israel. The Russian-born Chaim Weismann, a second-year student at the University of Berlin, was moved by this tract. He later became the first president of the new state of Israel. A timber merchant of Cologne, Wolffsohn, visited Herzl, out of which important consequences followed. He became Herzl's closest friend and collaborator, and at the death of Herzl in 1904 took over the presidency of the Zionist movement. As is well known, this movement swept on through the Jews of the world until some 50 years later the state of Israel was inaugurated in May of 1948.

On the western outskirts of Jerusalem, a wide, busy thoroughfare lined with trees passes through a new suburb south to the picturesque village of Ein Kerem, the birthplace of John the Baptist. On the way to this village there is a wooded slope enclosed within a low stone wall. A broad flight of steps leads through a massive gate covered with creeping vines and flowers. Here on this highest hill west of Jerusalem, the highest point in the modern city, Theodor Herzl lies in his final resting place. This site is known as Mount Herzl. Forty-five years after his death in 1949, his remains were moved from Vienna to Israel. This man, little realizing that he was the instrument in the hand of God, came to the end of life's sojourn in his 44th year. But within a span of 16 years he mounted a movement that finally culminated in the modern state of Israel. It now remains for the Messiah to accomplish in fullness what this man and every Jew longs for, the establishment of the Kingdom of God in which the Jews will come to the place of prominence as prophesied of old, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus" (Rev. 22:20). ☉

# We Are Moving into a New World

By Herman A. Hoyt

The above caption was uttered by Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, in an exclusive interview with editor of *U.S. News and World Report*, immediately following the visit of Prime Minister Rabin of Israel and President Sadat of Egypt with President Ford. If the caption seems to carry a note of optimism, Mr. Kissinger should be allowed to explain what he means. Quoting his answer as recorded in *U.S. News and World Report* for June 23, 1975, page 22, it reads:

*The kind of world that emerged in the immediate post-World War II period had substantially eroded by the late '60s and early '70s. We are in a period of adjusting the American role in the world to a new environment.*

*Today's world is marked by multipolarity among countries, divisions in the Communist world, growth of Europe and Japan, and greater assertiveness of the underdeveloped countries. All this fragmentation has occurred at the same time that economic interrelationships are demonstrating the interdependence of the world.*

*So you have confrontation on a political level, and on an economic level, there is need for cooperation. You have on the political level continued ideological hostility, but you have on the nuclear level the realization that there is no alternative to peace.*

All this means that the world as a whole and the United States in par-

ticular confront grave prospects. Political peril for the nations of the world and economic deprivation of its peoples demand some sort of world government that will assure peace and provide material welfare is absolutely essential. The alternative is nuclear warfare and the destruction of mankind. Though Mr. Kissinger never thought to read the prophetic forecast of the Bible on this point, he could not have stated it more succinctly.

## What Does Foreign Policy Envision?

With that insatiable self-confidence so characteristic of men who do not know God, Mr. Kissinger charts the foreign policy program of the United States but leaves room for refuge from criticism in the event of failure. As far as American policy is concerned he declares:

*We had to design a much more complex strategy than the one that characterized the immediate postwar period. We are trying to design a policy that is not a response to crisis, but to the realities of the present and the hopes of the future; a policy that looks at the evolution of history and the American contribution to it. While any policy has imperfections, I think we are clearly moving in the right direction.*

*On the other hand, the architecture is not completed; many issues remain unresolved. There is still an unfinished agenda.*

*But I would like to point out that if you interview a Secretary of State three years from now, he, too, should have an unfinished agenda. It is an American illusion to believe that foreign policy ought to lead to a solution to all problems. Foreign policy cannot do that; it is always a dynamic process.*

Mr. Kissinger knows only too well that the problems are so numerous and far-reaching that he cannot hope to solve them in his day, so he employs this multiplicity of words as a convenient escape mechanism. Though he makes reference to the "evolution of history," he refuses to recognize what it teaches. Any broad evaluation of the movement of history and nations teaches just one thing, namely, that the situation deteriorates rather than improves.

Predictive prophecy adds a dimension which men cannot see. They only speculate about the future. The deteriorating movements of society will at last converge in a period of tribulation for all mankind and worldwide conflagration. At this point the God of heaven will introduce a foreign policy that will restore peace to the nations and usher in the golden age of civilization with the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Then the nations shall learn war no more, the desert shall blossom as the rose, and every man shall sit under his own vine and fig tree. "And the Lord shall be king over all the earth" (Zech. 14:9).

# Phase One

"If you believe there is a need for a Christian liberal arts college which stands without reservation for the Bible as God's infallible Word, and for the glory of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, a school whose board of trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and students are personally committed to Jesus Christ and the spread of His Gospel all around the world, we invite you to join us in this exciting and challenging task."

This is only one part of a statement submitted by Dr. David Hocking and approved by the Board outlining the "challenging task" of supporting a three-phase, two million dollar building project. The three phases will include a new Science Center, a new Fine Arts building, renovation of the present gymnasium into a chapel-auditorium facility and construction of a new Field House Gymnasium. Fifty percent of each phase's cost will be secured before Board approval is finalized.

As evidence of the Board's support of the project it was further noted in the statement that in a day of serious economic strain and continuing financial pressures, it was not easy to make this decision. "However, with confidence in God, and encouragement from the support of His people, and in view of the pressing needs of our schools due to growth and development, we believe that the proper action has been taken at this time."

"We are excited to have God's blessing on our schools, and we're grateful for the growing interest of students who choose to attend and the evident desire of those who want to support this great work. As a Board, we pledge ourselves to the support of this project with our personal gifts, our promotion of this effort by contacting others, and most importantly with our prayers." The statement was signed by the board of trustees, Grace Theological Seminary and Grace College.

Phase No. 1 will involve construction of a Science Center to be located between the present gymnasium and Beta, a men's residence hall. Estimated cost of the new air-conditioned center containing 23,549 square feet of space is \$800,000. The building will provide space for the mathematics department and for the business program.

The lower level will be the life science floor, with the biology laboratories, storage rooms, and a small animal cage room for research. Classrooms across the hall will be equipped for general science, science education and geology.

The main entrance from the campus will lead to the middle floor. Here are the central science office area, and the mathematics and business classrooms. The computer room will provide space for calculators for mathematics, statistics and business purposes. The upper level houses the physical science laboratories for physics, chemistry and astronomy.

In pointing out the future needs, Dr. Jesse Humbert, chairman of the Natural Sciences, said: "At present, nearly all the space and nearly all the time of the faculty must be devoted to introductory courses in chemistry, physics, and biology, with single courses in geology and astronomy. The science offerings have not been able to keep pace with the curricular needs of the students and the potential of the faculty in meeting those needs."

There is a desperate need for more space, furniture, equipment, and specialized facilities to meet the needs of a rapidly expanding student body. Enrollment has increased from less than 300 to over 700 since the science department was housed in Philathea Hall.







Ten year awards for service to Grace Schools were presented to: left to right, Mrs. Paulette Sauders, *Assistant Professor of English*; Dr. John Davis, *Executive Vice President Elect of Grace Schools*; and Mrs. Dorothy M. Toirac, *Associate Professor of French*.



Special awards were presented to 14 employees, staff, faculty and administration at the Grace Schools' Fifth Recognition Banquet. It was held at the Winona Hotel to conclude the 1974-75 school year. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt presided at the annual event.

Silver pins for five years of service were awarded to: Mrs. Jean Coverstone, Assistant Professor of Art; Ruth Frame, office manager, Grace Manufacturing Co.; Mrs. Alta Poland, secretary to the director of business affairs; Mrs. Essalie Titus, supervisor of housekeeping, WLCA; Robert Hoepfner, vice president and general manager, Grace Manufacturing; Rev. Robert D. Ibach, Sr., field representative WLCA; Donald E. Klosinski, production manager, Grace Manufacturing; Rev. Lee Jenkins, chaplain, Grace Schools; Dr. Charles R. Smith, Professor of Theology, New Testament and Greek; Rev. Blaine Snyder, accountant for WLCA; Dr. Vance A. Yoder, Academic Dean, College.

Mrs. Paulette Sauders, Assistant Professor of English; Mrs. Dorothy M. Toirac, Associate Professor of French; Dr. John J. Davis, Executive Vice President-elect of Grace Schools, were the recipients of 10-year awards.

Plaques were presented to three retiring members of Grace. These included Dr. Lloyd E. Fish, Professor of Psychology and Director of Testing; Dr. Norman Uphouse, Professor of Education and Chairman of the Division of Education and Psychology; and Rev. Thomas E. Hammers, alumni coordinator. 🏆

Honored for five years were: left to right, Dr. Charles R. Smith, *Professor of Theology*; Rev. Robert D. Ibach, Sr., *W. L. Christian Assembly*; Lee Jenkins, *College Chaplain*; Mrs. Jean Coverstone, *Assistant Professor of Art*; Rev. Blaine Snyder and Mrs. Essalie Titus, *W. L. Christian Assembly*; Dr. Vance Yoder, *Academic Dean*; Ruth Frame and Robert Hoepfner, *Grace Manufacturing*.

# Recognition Banquet

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## FINANCIAL STATE OF GRACE SCHOOLS

By Richard G. Messner  
Director of Development

The 1974-75 fiscal year (July 1-June 30) has been one of the best in the history of Grace Schools. With a budget of \$2,437,000, we are praising the Lord that we finished our ninth consecutive year in the black. Many factors are responsible for this encouraging report, but the faithfulness of our God would most certainly be foremost! Our year verse, Lamentations 3:21-23, proved to be very practical as once again God demonstrated His love, care, and protection for Grace Schools.

A new record was set in giving to current operations with some \$270,000 being received in unrestricted gifts. The previous high was in 1972-73 when \$263,000 was given. This coming fiscal year, 1975-76, our goal is \$275,000 in unrestricted gifts which will help balance a projected budget of \$2,594,295.

As of January 1, 1975, the Morgan Library was paid off and joined the following buildings which are debt free: McClain Hall, Philathea Hall, Gymnasium, Medical Center, North Hall, Sands House, and Beyers Hall. Alpha Hall has a \$500,000 mortgage and Beta Hall has a \$200,000 mortgage. Both of these buildings are income producing and should be paid off in the foreseeable future.

Our latest acquisition, as of June 1975, is the Edward Boyer residence at the entrance to the Grace Campus on Wooster Road. This acre of land and well-kept home came to Grace Schools through a combination annuity, note, and cash. Immediate plans call for the home to be used for faculty housing. Long range plans are still under discussion.

Our current development project is a new Science Center which will cost approximately \$800,000 to build. We have already received \$130,000 toward the building. More information and gift opportunities will soon be available to all alumni and interested friends. ☛

## Top 20 Who Gave...

A total of \$268,023 was given to Grace Schools in 1974 by NFBC churches. Following is a list of the top 20 churches with total gifts of \$127,135 which was 47% of the NFBC total for the year.

|                                    |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Winona Lake, Indiana               | \$ 28,424 |
| <i>Charles Ashman, pastor</i>      |           |
| Wooster, Ohio                      | 9,421     |
| <i>Kenneth Ashman, pastor</i>      |           |
| Long Beach, California (First)     | 8,897     |
| <i>David Hocking, pastor</i>       |           |
| Homerville, Ohio                   | 6,445     |
| <i>Robert Holmes, pastor</i>       |           |
| Hagerstown, Maryland (Grace)       | 6,260     |
| <i>Robert Collitt, pastor</i>      |           |
| Winchester, Virginia               | 5,461     |
| <i>Paul Dick, pastor</i>           |           |
| Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (First) | 5,403     |
| <i>Roger Wambold, pastor</i>       |           |
| Telford, Pennsylvania              | 5,283     |
| <i>Robert Griffith, pastor</i>     |           |
| Waterloo, Iowa                     | 5,254     |
| <i>John Burke, pastor</i>          |           |
| Rittman, Ohio                      | 5,174     |
| <i>Robert Russell, pastor</i>      |           |
| Canton, Ohio                       | 5,097     |
| <i>Richard Grant, pastor</i>       |           |
| Fort Wayne, Indiana (First)        | 4,831     |
| <i>Galen Lingenfelter, pastor</i>  |           |
| Warsaw, Indiana                    | 4,633     |
| <i>David Miller, pastor</i>        |           |
| Kittanning, Pennsylvania (First)   | 4,261     |
| <i>Donald Farmer, pastor</i>       |           |
| Johnstown, Pennsylvania (First)    | 4,193     |
| <i>Wesley Haller, pastor</i>       |           |
| Dayton, Ohio (First)               | 3,985     |
| <i>Forrest Jackson, pastor</i>     |           |
| Dallas Center, Iowa                | 3,875     |
| <i>Carlton Fuller, pastor</i>      |           |
| Fremont, Ohio (Grace)              | 3,510     |
| <i>J. Ward Tressler, pastor</i>    |           |
| Lancaster, Pennsylvania            | 3,470     |
| <i>Vernon Harris, pastor</i>       |           |
| Fort Lauderdale, Florida           | 3,258     |
| <i>Merlin Berkeley, pastor</i>     |           |

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I tried. I honestly tried my best to open the doors of Christian fellowship to those who speak in tongues as well as to those who do not. I tried to provide a pastoral base of cordiality and understanding in open remarks from the pulpit.

But I have been disappointed. I have been turned against by the very ones I defended. Why? I am convinced that they did not have the Holy Spirit. They were possessed with a counterfeit, a fake. They were living on an ego trip, a manufactured religious "high." The daily lives of these people just did not match their witness, and so they hurt me, the congregation, and their own testimony as well as the cause of Jesus Christ.

I had hoped that those who had received the gift of speaking in tongues would be a real blessing to our congregation. I had prayed that we would be one together for the furtherance of the Kingdom, that more souls would be saved and the church built up in the power of the Lord to do great things to His honor. I had hoped and prayed and had exhorted all the people to find their unity in Him and so find miracles in the church's witness.

But it all came to naught. The tongues-speakers have left and are attending another church. For another year? Perhaps. Then they will move on to another congregation and try to play their same religious games with another group of people. Perhaps they will be turned away at the very outset;

suspicion is running high in many places because of experiences like those I have described.

Many within the tongues movement have much to learn about humility in the Lord, Christian discipline, the holy life in everyday experience, and simple ethics in relations with others. They have a great need to get a better perspective on speaking in tongues, to give it its proper place among the other gifts of the Spirit, the other graces of the Spirit. It is my prayer that what I have said here will move some to examine themselves, for the sake of the unity of the body of Christ. ☞

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# A BMH Book Goes to the White House

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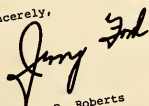
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# Four Columbus Men Ordained

*One indication of a successful local church program is the number of people who go out from the church into vocational Christian service. In its 10 years of existence, the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Ohio, has sent out many Christian workers—with more on the way. In 1974 alone, four men from this church were ordained to the Christian ministry. In the following article, these four men share their testimonies. (Although Rev. Edward Scofield suffered a heart attack last December and is now with his Lord, we have included his testimony.)*

Although I was over 40 years of age before I accepted Christ as my Saviour, God has certainly poured out His grace upon me and my family. My wife, Jeanette, our three daughters—Jan, Patricia, and Susan, and I all came to the Lord within approximately one year's time. God immediately led us to the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus while it was just a Bible class in the home of Marion and Dorothy Forrest.

Within three years, Jeanette and I felt God calling us to full-time service. God also laid His hand upon our first son-in-law, Paul Woodruff, who is now pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Indianapolis. Consequently, the entire family moved to Winona Lake, Indiana, where Paul and I attended Grace Theological Seminary together. Paul and Jan soon made me the only grandfather in the student body!

Patricia and her husband, Terry Lambert, met as students at Grace College. They are serving the Lord in Waterloo, Iowa, where Terry is the youth pastor and the director of music of the Grace Brethren Church.

Upon graduation from seminary, Jeanette, Susan, and I moved to Bowling Green, Ohio. It was not long before Susan invited Roger Krynock, a student at Bowling Green State University, to attend our services. Within a few weeks Roger announced that he felt called to the ministry. Six months later I had the privilege of marrying Susan and Roger, and (you guessed it) he is now well along in his seminary training at Grace.

Jeanette and I are doubly blessed because of God's working in our lives. We are especially grateful to all of our friends at GBC in Columbus who have played such a vital part in our lives and our ministry.

—Ed Scofield

I remember the fall of 1964, and the first time I met Pastor David Hocking, then the pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Ohio. He told me that, as

a Christian, I could be sure of going to heaven. With a Catholic background and visions of purgatory as a minimum, this was startling news indeed! That news, along with the "free gift" concept of salvation, was not only bewildering, but also downright "heretical" to my Catholic mind. I resisted for well over a year the witness of my soon-to-be father-in-law, Ed Scofield, and the prayers and sincere friendliness of the many believers at the Columbus church.

Having attended the Columbus church "off and on" for this period, I found myself at church one Sunday when Dr. Herman Hoyt was the speaker. That morning I went forward and simply trusted Christ for my salvation. I remember the tears in Pastor Dave's eyes as he came to meet me, and I knew something was up. Then it happened! Many, many people with tears in their eyes began to swarm around me, smiling, shaking my hands, and slapping me on the back. I knew then that I was prayed into the Kingdom by those dear people at Columbus. One year later I went off to seminary—dumb and naive. The Lord knew this so He graciously sent my father-in-law, Ed Scofield, with me! The Columbus church, under its new pastor, James Custer, did not forget us and continued to remember us in prayer and in finances (praise the Lord). Since then I have had the joy of serving the Lord in the pastorate.

Good preaching and genuine, heartfelt concern on the part of all surely has been the hallmark of the Columbus work, and I praise God for the part it played in my life.

—Paul Woodruff

It was over two years ago while I was the director of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men that the Lord began to speak to me about becoming a pastor. I knew of a Brethren church that was sold to another organization because there was no pastor to fill the pulpit. I am sure this had an effect on my decision.

At this time I was serving on the board of directors of the Brethren Home Missions Council. Through this experience I had the opportunity to see the possibilities and problems of being a pastor. It played a significant part in my ambition to be a minister of the Gospel. I am sure that the Lord also used the national men's work to help prepare me for the pastorate.

I praise the Lord for a faithful pastor-teacher named Jim Custer who counseled and guided me. Through his teaching ministry he helped prepare me for this monumental task.



he ordination service for the late Edward Scofield.



Paul Woodruff, during the prayer of ordination.



Rev. Edward Jackson receives the challenge from Pastor Jim Custer.



The ordination service for Dale Forrest took place in the Columbus, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church.

Photos by Marion Forrest

If I were to relate all the answers to prayer we have seen, there would not be space enough to write them all. The Lord was certainly faithful to us during the move from Columbus, Ohio, to Kenai, Alaska.

I praise the Lord that He has provided very capable men as leaders in our national men's ministry to boys. The Lord is blessing our new ministry in the home mission church at Kenai, Alaska.

My wife, Polly, my son, Jim, and I arrived on the field about the first of September. The Lord is blessing and answering prayer. Alaska is a great field with much potential and, contrary to common belief, its potential is people—not oil! This is the last frontier with a totally different way of life, but God is working and we are praying for revival that will shake the countryside. Please pray with us for that revival. God has given us a great challenge.

—Ed Jackson



A popular Christian song proclaims, "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God." I praise God that He has

saved me and made me a part of His family. I thank Him for the parents that He gave me. They led me to salvation by their prayers and their lives. The Bible says, "Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers." One of my greatest motives for living a life pleasing to God is that I may be a glory to my children and not a disgrace. I pray that as my children follow my example, they might be a crown to their grandparents and a testimony to a Christian home.

The Bible also says, "Whoso findeth a wife, findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the Lord." I thank God for the wife He has given me, and for the way she supports me as I minister for Him. The value of a pastor's wife can never be completely measured, but I'm sure that in heaven the rewards they will receive will surprise many saints.

God has given so abundantly to me, and I praise Him for all His rich gifts to me. He has shown me that He is always faithful to honor His Word. I pray that I will always be faithful to obey His Word.

—Dale A. Forrest



# A Plea to Some Who Speak in Tongues

By J. Grant Swank, Jr.

I am the pastor of a church that does not stress speaking in tongues. However, I have tried my best to make a climate of Christian fellowship and worship that will accommodate both those who speak in tongues and those who do not. My intention was to open the doors of Christian sharing to everyone who loves the Lord Jesus as Saviour.

Having had about a dozen persons in the congregation who speak in tongues, I have come to some hard conclusions after a year of effort. These conclusions have been heart-breaking to me; I expected much more from those who speak in tongues than their lives have shown. Here are the reasons for my disappointment:

1. These persons arrived on the scene with smiles and handshakes and praises to the Lord. They carried their Bibles and became a part of the congregation's program and fellowship. However, after some months it was obvious that they had a spiritual superiority complex, and it became obnoxious. Professing to be filled with the Spirit of humility and holiness, these persons expressed the opposite. The subtle but real spiritual conceit became more and more apparent until the words "Spirit-filled" came to have a regrettable taint.

Other pastors with whom I have talked have had similar experiences. There is often a "know-it-all" attitude among those who speak in tongues that exactly contradicts what they profess in testimony. They definitely give the impression that those who do not speak in tongues have not "arrived" spiritually, do not have the sensitivity to interpret the Scriptures, do not have prayer power that can bring results.

2. These persons are insensitive to the concept of Christian discipline. In many of them, habits of worldliness remain while the tongues-speaking flourishes. Furthermore, these people do not allow themselves to be directed toward discipline; they feel that they have achieved spiritual maturity when they come into tongues, and they tend to look down upon those who do not speak in tongues, even those who are living a more holy, dedicated life in Christ. The blind spot concerning discipline is appalling. Speaking in tongues should certainly be accompanied by holiness in everyday living, but often it is not.

3. They are unteachable. Again the spiritual superiority complex rears its ugly head. The tongues-speakers apparently believe that they know it all, that they are to be the teachers of all God's children, that on every topic of the Christian faith the truth resides in them. No matter what theme of Christian living was being discussed in Bible study it had to go under the scrutiny of their microscope for the final conclusion.

Again, in comparing experiences with other pastors, I have found this attitude to be common. It damages the genuine speaking-in-tongues movement and hinders those pastors who would like to maintain a climate of charity among all Christians.

4. These persons tend to split churches rather than to bring unity to the overall body of Christ. First Corinthians 12 emphasizes the unity of the body, and that which brings division is not to be tolerated, as Paul makes clear throughout the entire letter. If those who speak in tongues would only understand this Biblical emphasis! They claim to have such a high regard for the body of Christ, and yet they often pull the limbs of the body and cause it much hurt. The unity and oneness they espouse must be based solely on their perspectives and practices, their own interpretation of the Scriptures. No latitude is allowed for differing opinions from other believers.

5. These people become church hoppers. They stay in one congregation for a while and then move on to another one. They do not develop a sense of faithfulness to any one congregation. Furthermore, they do not hesitate to take other persons from the congregation with them when they go on to another church. And after they have left, they criticize with barbed speech persons in the previous church. Does this further the unity of the body of Christ? Does this exemplify the love and holiness of the Spirit?

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## take on another missionary? You've Gotta Be Kidding

□ After all, there's a limit. This church is doing more than its share as it is. Had trouble meeting last year's commitment to missions. And what about the rising cost of living? Tax increases? Uncertain conditions? Kids going to college and all that?

Me? Sure, I'm in as deep as anybody. I'm on the church board. Tithed. Always here in my pew on Sunday. My wife is chairman of the women's missionary society. And we've got a cousin who runs a literature ministry in the Caribbean. Not bragging or anything like that. We spent two weeks with him down on his island last summer. In a hotel. On the beach. Got a good tan.

You know, our oldest boy used to say he'd like to be a missionary. But he's decided to go into social work in this country instead. Same thing, I guess. Lots of people here need help.

Missionary conference? Well, we've had to let it slide in recent years. Too bad. It used to be the big event around here. But the people are busy. Interest isn't what it once was. Anyway, missionaries are dull speakers. Some of them, I mean.

Yeah, I guess you'd say our church life is adequate. Nothing exciting. Good sermons from the pastor. Real fundamental. Plenty to do. Lots of appeals for money. But a lot of people seem to feel there isn't much *reason* for it all. Know what I mean?

And say, did my wife tell you? We're moving into our new home next week. Half-acre lot. Four bedrooms. All the latest gadgets. Needed a bigger garage anyway since we stepped up to a larger car and got the boat and trailer. There wasn't any room for our boy's convertible.

Hope you'll come back to see us again the next time you're in town.

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By Charles W. Turner  
Editor

The Bicentennial celebration will draw literally millions of Americans to our famous historical sites. Philadelphia has been in preparation for several years to seek to accommodate the crowds who will come to see the Liberty Bell and other numerous attractions in that area. Washington, D.C., with its abundance of traditional settings of our early American heritage, will be high on the list of places to be seen.

On a Memorial Day weekend, I attended one of our district conferences that met in the vicinity of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. With a free Saturday afternoon, Rev. Howard Mayes and I drove to the Gettysburg Battlefield and spent the afternoon touring the site. Those who attended our national conference in 1973 at this city remember well the places of great historical significance. Over 100 years have slipped by since peace and quiet were restored to the wheat fields and woods of this area. A drive through the beautiful countryside, including the rocky terrain, makes one feel so remote from a bloody battlefield. If one could but erase the hundreds of grave markers and statues from their prominent places, the fields would appear like thousands of acres of other parts of this beautiful section of the country. But you cannot forget the past as you see the now silent cannons pointed to the azure blue sky.

With my camera in hand I decided to get some shots of the terrain and scenery. I was seeking to take some pictures of one of the cannons when a bus loaded with boys arrived. The serenity of a Saturday afternoon was soon changed with wild shouts and a scramble of arms, legs, T-shirts, and blue jeans. The cannon was doomed to become a play object, and it was overpowered with teenage enthusiasm. My first reaction was to put my camera in its case and call it a day because the cannon was now the object of horseplay.

Sneakers were flying, boys were pushing and objects of war were changed. What a contrast to the surroundings some 115 years ago when the same area resounded with the voices of both the young and old—however, their purpose was not to play but to war. Their cries were not for joy but for anger, sorrow and pain. Their efforts were not motivated by pleasure but by frustration and hurt. We call it a page out of history—remote and removed from the clamor of the present century. Its results were death, destruction and harm. And many men and boys never returned home. It was later that the Gettysburg Battlefield heard one of those short speeches that was destined to live through our history.

That evening, after the time of sightseeing, I was back in the quiet of a dormitory room at Messiah College, but the scene on the hillside continued to run through my mind. A battlefield of former days turned into a field of play! To some this may have been a touch of irreverence on the part of those young lads—and well it may have been. But on the other hand it caused me to contemplate the fact that there will be a time in the future when peace will come. No, I am not a starry-eyed dreamer who is devoid of God's truth. Yes, I know there will be wars and rumors of wars and that



man is exceedingly sinful. But I also remember with great delight the prediction found in the writings of Isaiah. He spoke of turning swords into plowshares, and mankind under God forgetting about war.

There will be a world without sin and a world without a curse. A lion and a lamb will lie down together without conflict and children will play near the once-dangerous serpent. The world will be at peace and the Messiah God will be the ruler thereof—what a beautiful picture to dwell on at the end of the day! This utopia will come to pass after mankind has spent his hate and vengeance, and Christ will then return to this earth to rule and to reign. It will not come through the efforts of men, but by the power of God.

Gettysburg will be revisited by hundreds of thousands before the Bicentennial year has passed down into the stream of history. The visitors will patronize the pizza stands and the tourist traps. There will be long lines through the tour routes past the markers and the cannons. The sensitive ones will again hear the struggle between the blue and the gray, family against family, and brother against brother. But I hope they see a little boy crawl up on a cannon and treat it like a plaything rather than an instrument of death. Someday in God's good grace all will be quiet and peaceful, and we will have a continuous celebration, but it will not be a bicentennial—it will stretch out for an eternity.





# Quality vs. Quantity



By John W. Zielasko

"God is not interested in quantity. He is interested in quality." Were my ears deceiving me—was that actually what the speaker said? It was hard to believe that this fallacy was still alive and well.

A quick glance revealed no discernible agitation on the part of others in the congregation. Either I had misunderstood or the incongruity of the statement did not shock anyone else. But it wasn't necessary to speculate for long. Again, the dogmatic affirmation resounded throughout the auditorium, and this time even provoked a few amens.

The Almighty not interested in quantity? Upon what basis would a Christian reach that conclusion?

My mind began to wander. The God who has filled the heavens with innumerable stars (Isa. 40:26), covered the earth with infinite variety of flora, and created living creatures in an abundance that staggers the mind of the zoologist, could it be that He is not, after all, interested in quantity? But, of course, the statement doesn't apply to the creation, would be the retort.

Well, then, what about people? There certainly is a great quantity of homo sapiens on this beleaguered globe. Can we say that God is not interested in this quantity? The best-known Bible verse should dispel any doubts on that score: "God so loved the world" (over 4 billion individuals, according to the latest estimate). That's a sizable quantity to embrace

God's interest. And Peter tells us that God is not willing that any should perish (II Peter 3:9). It is evident that God would like to see all of the billions repent and believe.

And would you notice the progression in quantity in the New Testament. The writers were spiritual men, yet they did not hesitate to speak in numerical terms (quantity): 12 apostles—70 were sent forth—120 disciples. Someone (less spiritual?) took count when the 4,000 and the 5,000 were fed. The Bible records that 3,000 were converted on the Day of Pentecost. That quantity grew to 5,000 shortly thereafter (Acts 4:4). In fact, the Christians began to lose count due to the great quantity of converts (Acts 5:14). For brevity's sake, skip to the Book of Revelation. The Apostle John records that he saw in heaven a great multitude that no man could number of all nations and kindreds and peoples and tongues (Rev. 7:9). The quantity here is so vast that it defies human arithmetic. In view of these facts, wouldn't you agree that there has to be a flaw in the reasoning that God isn't interested in quantity?

Could it be that those who speak in this manner are trying to prove too much? Maybe what they really mean is something entirely different from what they are saying. Perhaps they mean to say, "God is not interested *only* in quantity. Just because some cause can claim great numbers does not mean that it is of God." If that is what is meant, then we heartily agree.

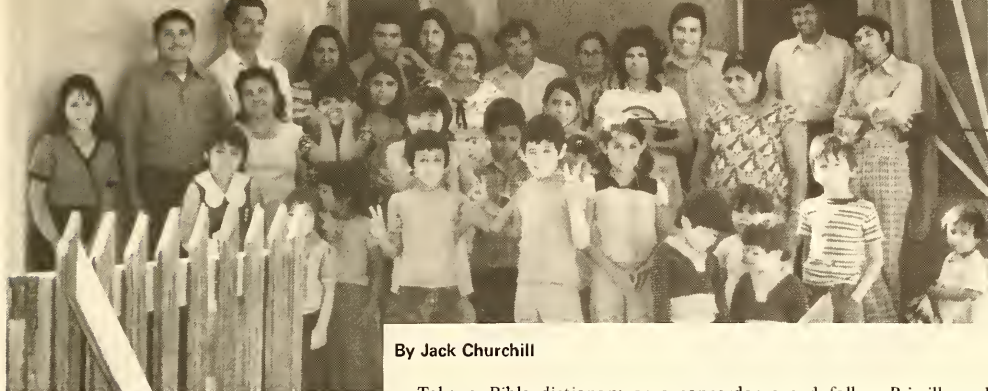


Brazilian "Macumba" (spiritism—Umbanda—Candomblé) has millions of adherents. Quantity-wise, it is a successful religion. Soka Gakkai has grown to over 8 million households. Communism is gobbling up vast quantities of people. These causes may be great in number, but they certainly aren't godly; so, in that sense, quantity doesn't count with God.

There are also various causes embracing questionable beliefs and practices within the Christian community that are experiencing phenomenal

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**A Moment with Missions**



Sunday afternoon Bible study in Nacho and Alicia's home. The room on the right is the one built for the meetings.

By Jack Churchill

# 'Priscilla and Aquila' in Mexicali

Nacho and Alicia Tirado



Take a Bible dictionary or a concordance and follow Priscilla and Aquila. You will find that they moved around quite a bit between Corinth, Ephesus, Rome, and probably other large cities not mentioned. When Paul closes his letter to the Christians in Rome, he sends greetings to them—"my helpers in Christ Jesus: who have for my life laid down their own necks" (Rom. 16:3-4). He refers to some experience they had shared together in the cause of Christ, not recorded for us.

Then Paul sends greetings to "the church that is in their house." He has not arrived in Rome yet, but he has heard that these faithful friends are carrying on in the same way they had done in Ephesus (1 Cor. 16:19). Their house is a meeting place for the believers, and for the preaching of the Gospel so that others can believe. They are "not ashamed of the Gospel" because they know it is the "power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

Heaven will give us a chance to know the full story of the part that homes had in the building of Christ's church. Of course, Priscilla and Aquila were never in Mexicali, the state capital of Baja California. But there is a couple there who carry on the same type of ministry.

The story goes back about five years when a Brethren pastor from Tijuana, Raul Tirado, held a series of evangelistic meetings in the Brethren church at Mexicali. Following natural desires (Rom. 10:1) and Biblical principles (Luke 8:39) he sought out his relatives. Among them were Uncle Nacho and his wife Alicia. They heard the Gospel and were converted. Some conversion stories seem to stop here, but this one doesn't.

When the Lord found Nacho and Alicia they were destitute, had no steady work, and were living in one room in someone else's house. But, a new life had begun for them. They now had a Heavenly Father. Soon Nacho had a job. Before long they made a down payment on a lot in Colonia Independencia, way out from the center of the city. A simple two-room house went up and they moved in.

All the time they were witnessing to their neighbors. Some began to listen. But it was a long way into the main church, so the pastor there agreed to hold services in their house, small as it was. It wasn't long before Nacho announced that he was going to build another room—just for the meetings. A light bulb over the doorway would let people know where to enter at night. For two years now regular Bible studies and evangelistic preaching have been going on here. The downtown congregation still considers this a mission point under its direction. Eventually the group here will probably form a second Brethren church in Mexicali. The important fact now is that these folks are a part of the church of Jesus Christ, brought into existence through the witnessing of Nacho and Alicia and through their willingness to gather the believers in their house.

As you read this, thank God for this man and his wife who, led by the Holy Spirit, have followed in the tradition of Aquila and Priscilla. And as Paul did without knowing them personally, greet "the church that is in their house." You will meet them one of these days, if you visit Mexicali, or when "the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout" to gather up His church throughout the whole world.

# The Chateau Walls Speak



By Tom Julien

The following conversation was overheard in the halls of the Chateau of Saint-Albain, between the study, the library, and the "petit Salon" (smaller of the two meeting rooms).

**Study:** Isn't that Alain going into the library again? He certainly has been spending a lot of time around the Chateau these days.

**Library:** Yes, it's Alain all right. You know he has been on sick leave and has spent most of it here in Bible study. I think that he knows most of my books by heart, and has already completed over 100 hours of group study.

**Study:** It is great that he can benefit from the personal training program of the Chateau. I wish a lot of other Christians could come for extended periods of time, like Alain.

**Library:** I do, too. When they come, I feel a lot more useful. I am always listening for their footsteps at 8:00 a.m. when they have their morning prayer meeting. And it makes me feel good to have my books used. Then at 11:00 a.m. everyone gathers here for group study until they go down to Juliens' for lunch. One of the best things about this program is that it can be adapted to the personal needs of those who come and then, too, there is plenty of time for discussion.

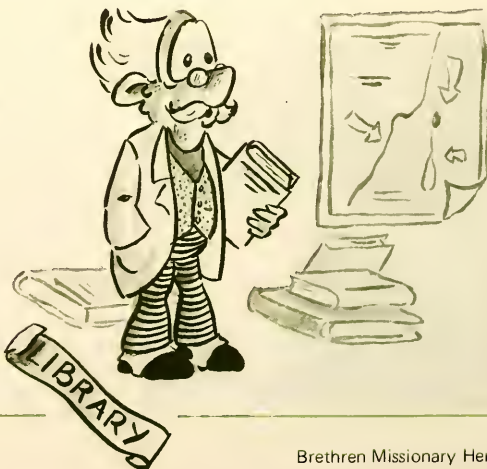
**Study:** You know, a lot of people think that the Chateau is just a youth center. They don't realize that the youth rallies are just one of the many ministries here and in the neighboring

cities. Not only is the Chateau a bridge between Christians and non-Christians; it is also a training base for those who have found Christ.

**Petit Salon:** It sounds like you all prefer the personal training program. For me, it's the monthly Bible retreat I like best. During the past 11 years I have heard hundreds of Bible studies, but I really was excited when two years ago the monthly Bible retreats began in earnest, and people began coming to the Chateau just to study the Bible for a whole weekend. I had mixed emotions, though, when they left me to move over into the big meeting room because I could not hold them all comfortably.

**Library:** Many Christians mention how much those studies mean to them. In fact, even between retreats a lot of them come in to get the study notes I keep here, or listen to some of the tapes that were made. I have notes now on dozens of subjects—from creation to the end times.

**Petit Salon:** Well, I have a secret I just cannot hold any longer. The other week all the missionary staff gathered between my walls and decided that they were going to start a new Bible training ministry this fall—a morning Bible institute. Raphael and Ghislaine were going to go to Bible institute this fall near Paris, but decided for several reasons that it would be better if they







**Study:** You know, though, this is going to be a big responsibility for the missionaries. I think we ought to encourage the Christians to pray that God will send the help necessary to keep everything going at the Chateau. There is so much to do—correspondence, maintenance, accounts, entertaining. Then too, we certainly would not want anything to happen to keep the staff out in the cities from their main job of witnessing and leading people to the Lord.

**Library:** Hey, I just thought of something. If we are going to start a new study program I'm going to need more books!

(Artwork by Terry Julien)

could get their training here. If everything works out they will come to the Chateau every morning, and it looks as if several other Christians want to get in on this, too. I'm really happy, because for a long time I have been wishing that this old house would be used more during the week and not just on weekends.

**Study:** You think that's a secret, huh? Well, I have known about it for quite some time now. In fact, I even know a little bit of how it is going to work. The people who participate in this program will study four mornings a week, then work at the Chateau to pay back their studies on the other mornings. Most of them will get part-time jobs and live in their own towns. The studies will be practical training courses—in the Bible, the Christian life, the church, and evangelism.

**Petit Salon:** I don't even care if you heard about it first; I'm still thrilled. In fact, I'm even more anxious for the Christians to do a year or two of this program than for them to go off to Bible institute for three years, because for one thing they will be able to keep active in their local ministries. And for another, they will be trained by the ones who led them to Christ, instead of going off to some place where they are not known.



# The Rescue!

By Martin Garber

In a recent article written by Marvin Goodman, "Marooned in the African Jungle" (*Brethren Missionary Herald*, June 1, 1975), Missionary Goodman stated that the rescue was a story of its own. So here goes.

Marvin Goodman was expected back from the mission investigation and exploration trip on Wednesday night. It was already Monday morning and no Marvin and no telegram. We were all beginning to wonder what was happening. Each day we had expected either the arrival of the exploration party or a telegram explaining their delay. But no, and five days had passed. It was decided that we should send telegrams to the four African pastors of four government posts through which the travelers would be passing. At 8:00 a.m. on Monday, I sent the four telegrams. At 4:30 p.m. Monday we finally received a telegram from our lost explorers—a message which had been on the way for five days already. It read as follows:

*"Urgent. Car trouble 120 kilometers from Nola. Probably gas or electric. Contact Joel at Nola. M. Goodman."*

I hurried to the mission station to inform Mrs. Goodman and the others. It was quickly decided that Don Miller and I would pack the Peugeot station wagon, eat our supper, and start off immediately to see what we could do. After five days we had no idea where along the 650 kilometers we might contact them. It was possible that by now they had already found help and were on their way back home. Would we even pass them in one of the three posts we would be going through? We would, of course, check in at the local churches as we went.

I got my tools—but would I be able

to fix the truck? What was wrong? Marvin knows enough about mechanics to care for elementary problems. I had hardly any new parts: a coil, a battery, but not even points or spark plugs. I did have a broken carburetor—I don't know why but I took it. By 8:00 that evening we were on our way for a 26-hour drive over bumpy, dusty, muddy, slippery, windy roads.

At 11:30 that night we passed through the first post. The pastor's wife was sure it was the wandering missionaries returning. She, of course, had no news for us. In the morning at 3:10 we contacted the pastor of the next post. No news. Keep rolling.

Next stop—Beberati—where we were given breakfast at 7:00 a.m. by the Swedish missionaries there. They had heard nothing about our lost missionary. In this city, while looking for gas (\$2.00/gal.), we were stopped by a policeman. We said to ourselves, "Oh-oh." (Don Miller had discovered that our car papers were not all in order

and we were open for a fine!) Not having any extra money (for fines), I asked the policeman if he had any news about a lost "bounjou" (white man) in the deep forest. This so excited him (he didn't have any news) that he bid us godspeed and forgot to check the car papers!

By 12:00 noon we arrived at the first ferry at Nola. While we were waiting for the ferry to prepare for our crossing the river, Joel arrived. He had been waiting for four days. We were told that we could never make it in the forest with our station wagon. A local Christian, the superintendent of a large sawmill, had arranged to trade us his 4-wheel-drive Land Rover for our station wagon. He also supplied the chauffeur and the gasoline for the trip.

It was 4:00 p.m. by the time we reached the forest, and we understood why a 4-wheel-drive was required. There had been a big storm, and fallen trees were aplenty. We had a machet, a dull ax, a chain, and a Land Rover.



Just as the evening was beginning we came to a tree over three feet thick! It would take forever to chop through that! I thought we might tunnel under it to get the Land Rover through—but not enough to get Marvin's truck back. The chauffeur was not disturbed in the least. He just said, "We'll just cut our way around through the jungle."

After two hours we were able to wiggle the Land Rover through the hole we had cut around the roots of the fallen tree. It was dark and we were moving again, but slowly, as we encountered several other trees; some we could move out of the way—some, about a foot thick, we chopped and dragged away. This was done by the lights of the Land Rover, and it discharged the battery to the point that we had to crank the car to get started again.

Don and I were getting mighty tired. We had been going without rest for 26 hours and Don had just re-

covered from a siege of hepatitis. We finally reached the turn-off that Marvin wrote about in his article. We too said, "Is that a road?" Well, the road didn't get better, but the fallen trees got fewer and I decided to try to get a little sleep—bouncing in the seat of our Land Rover pickup.

We passed through a couple of clearings and a couple of villages. Then someone said, "This is it!" And it was a welcome sight: Marvin's truck, big and yellow in the clearing by the village. It was midnight.

Marvin was not at all sleepy. To him we all looked mighty good, but to us the cots and sleeping bags looked better. I took a hay fever pill and an aspirin and dropped to sleep instantly.

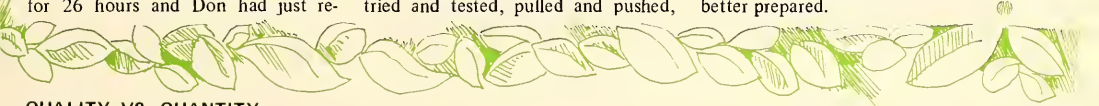
In the morning, after breakfast, Don went down to the little chapel building to preach to a group of 50 pygmies, and I went to see if I could convert the backsliding truck into fellowship again. I worked and worked, tried and tested, pulled and pushed,

and still by noon it would not run. I said, "Just one more try and if it doesn't start we'll leave it here until we have more new parts." ... It started!

There was a combination of problems, but now I knew more about why I had thrown in the broken carburetor—I didn't need many new parts, but I did need a piece from the broken carburetor. (The Lord knows our need even before we ask.)

We were all happy and cheerful, but we wondered about getting the larger truck through the passageway we had cut for the Land Rover. There was no need to worry. The Lord had again provided. There were no more fallen trees because there had been no new storm. And a government truck with a large chain saw had gone before us and the road was now open.

Like Marvin, Don and I would like to return to Nola and the forest people there. But next time we shall go a little better prepared.



## QUALITY VS. QUANTITY

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growth. The temptation is to explain that growth in terms of God's blessing. It is in order to combat that conclusion that some have been led to the "quantity versus quality" debate.

Quantity and quality were never intended to be pitted against one another, and one is hard put to find Biblical support for such a premise. Conversely, there is Biblical evidence for the belief that God is interested in both. The fig tree (Matt. 21:18-19) is one example. Because of its poor quality it produced no quantity, and thus the Lord cursed it. The parable of the sower deals as much with the quantity of the harvest as it does with the quality of the soil. What farmer, upon observing his cornfield, would satisfy himself with a few quality stalks? If the field did not produce both in quantity and in quality, he would know that something was wrong and seek to improve his crop the next season. Any farmer, any husbandman, any rancher, any dairyman, and any automobile company, for that matter, desires and works hard to get quality and quantity. Why should it be different in the church?

The church or mission that experiences little or no growth would be foolish indeed to hide behind the false premise that God isn't interested in quantity, and thereby deceive itself into believing that it did possess quality. With more than 172 of the 251 of our churches below the 150-member

level, and many of our mission fields understaffed and numerically weak, it hardly seems appropriate to appeal to *quality* and think that all is well.

God does not place quantity and quality in opposition—why not strive for both?

Lincoln, Nebraska—"Scrutinize carefully those appeals designed to stir the emotions and play upon human sympathy," G. Christian Weiss writes in the *Good News Broadcaster* (July-Aug. 1975). "Heartrending appeals, supplemented by film or slide presentations, photographs and written descriptions to convey shocking physical conditions or persecution of men, women and children should be objectively evaluated," Weiss says.

"Christians should be wary of appeals that come from those organizations built around a self-glorifying individual. Sometimes such organizations claim that they alone are doing an effective work for God," the article says.

The magazine felt constrained to carry the article because "many Christians today are being deluged with financial appeals of all kinds from missionary groups and other Christian organizations." It acknowledges that appeals are quite likely to come from reputable groups carrying out "solid evangelical Christian ministries"; it warns that other appeals "come from unreliable and unworthy groups." (From *Missionary News Service*, 8/1/75)



# The Challenge for Us Believers



It was an event of tremendous joy, the coming of Jesus to Jerusalem. It was an opportunity for praise on the part of the disciples for their beloved Lord and Master. "Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest" (Luke 19:38). It was the expression of praise from the multitude of the disciples.

But what did our Lord mean when he responded to the Pharisees, "If these become quiet, the stones will cry out"? Did it mean that the rocks would literally lift up their voices and call for praise or that they themselves would lift up their voices in praise because of the silence of the disciples? I believe the latter.

Our newest congregation had its beginning (which I here report) through circumstances unheard of in the history of our churches. Here in this very county of Macapa there is a place called Maruanum; at least it's the name of a river where many people live in various small villages. Four years ago a family (mother with her son and daughter) attended a meeting in a suburb of Macapa, and the mother, Dona Neuza, made a decision for Christ.

She returned to her home in Maruanum taking with her a Bible, but she was there without any spiritual help. The years passed, but no pastor, evangelist or even layman went to help Dona Neuza. Everyone ignored this new believer—even the believers of the Brethren Church.

Finally last year a Catholic priest arrived to organize catechism classes and came to the village of Dona Neuza. He called the people together, distributed studies and told them to begin meetings, study the catechism and the Bible. It so happened that these people had no Bible and couldn't even pronounce the word "Bible." They decided to invite the son of Dona Neuza not only to read the Bible, but to explain it. After talking it over with his mother he accepted the invitation. He already knew something of the Bible, for his mother constantly asked him to read it to her.

They had a meeting, and then at the second meeting the boy began to explain the plan of salvation from sin. At the third meeting he gave an invitation for those who wanted to receive Christ as their only Saviour and Lord. Nine made decisions. The young man, although very inexperienced, is being used of the Lord in that place. The congregation already has 27 members and is being greatly blessed of God.

How was the work organized in Maruanum? I'm not asking how the Gospel penetrated, but how was the work organized? A pastor went there? A deacon of the church or a brother passionately wanted to win souls? No, and I repeat it: No! Then what was it? Though indirectly God used a priest. I ask you, "Are the rocks not speaking?" Let us arise, brethren. Don't allow the rocks to shout louder than the disciples. (Translated from the *Farol* (Lighthouse), monthly publication of the Brethren churches in Brazil)

**By Eulalio Trindade**  
*Pastor, Grace Brethren Church  
Macapa, Amapa, Brazil*

# A Great Team

By Colette Steudler

Several times already the students of the James Gribble High School have been presented to you. We have told you of their problems, their activities, and their lives as young Christians. However, I think that the teachers are not different from their students since they also have their problems, their activities, and their spiritual lives.

Man is made in such a way that he does not fully appreciate a thing until he is about to lose it! That is why, in sending you this picture and this article, I say, "What a great team!" These are the teachers of the Yaloke high school for the 1974-75 school year.

At the right, in the first row, is Mr. Alain Leycuras from Marseille (France). He is a mathematics specialist. The students raised their eyebrows when they saw him enter their class the first day. Who's this? This short young fellow—is he the one who's going to prepare us for the brevet? But they soon learned to appreciate him—so much so that one day as we were speaking of what it means to be a 100 percent teacher, the first name they started whispering was "Mr. Leycuras."

Next to him you may recognize Mr. Paul Biancheri from Nice (France), and Mr. Richard Daiber from Geneva (Switzerland). They are posing for their last picture at Yaloke, since they are not coming back this fall. But how will we replace Paul Biancheri for the electrical installations, the repair of the cars, and the training of young boys in the "Flambeaux" movement? And how can we replace Richard Daiber who cared for the water pump and the distribution of library books, and who assisted in the high school youth movement?

In the process of Africanizing our staff we have been pleased to count two alumni as colleagues. It is much easier to work with young people who have come out of the "mold" and who



know in depth our goals and methods.

Standing behind Mr. Leycuras is Mr. Elie Namsene with a smile. For nearly two years now he has been part of our teaching staff. He received his diploma in theology after nine years in the various classes at Yaloke, first in the high school and then in the School of Theology. He is a good teacher, very gifted in the oversight and education of the youth.

Between our two Central African teachers is an American, Miss Carol Mensinger. The students appreciate her teaching in "American English" and her animation as she teaches them Negro spirituals.

To the left of Miss Mensinger, standing very straight, is Mr. Jonas Boinde, also a graduate of the Yaloke School of Theology and an alumnus of the high school. His specialty? Sports! He is the one who organizes the matches and the training of the four teams of the high school.

The lady who is laughing to the far left is your servant, the author of this article. The smile marks the joy of hav-

ing been able to finish this school year with the help of the Lord, without too many serious problems in spite of several months absence of the director, Mr. Jean-Louis Steudler, called on emergency to Switzerland.

And now the question is asked: What team will be formed for October of 1975? Since we cannot any longer obtain European teachers, we hope to have the help of students who are beginning studies at the School of Theology this fall. In particular, we hope to use Benjamin Tambe, a good student in French and very gifted in music, also an alumnus of the high school. For teaching mathematics in seventh grade, David Bendima will be trained as a student teacher by Mr. Leycuras.

We regret, naturally, the departure of our two dear colleagues, but we know also that they have the conviction to do the will of the Lord, and that is enough for us. For according to the sign which has been over the door of our meeting hall since the beginning of the school year—"God foresees and He is able."

# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

**Winona Lake, Ind.** At the annual conference held August 1-8, 1975, there was a record attendance of delegates. There were 484 lay and 268 ministerial equaling a total of 752. The new officers for the 1976 national conference are as follows: Moderator, Charles W. Turner (executive editor and general manager of BMH); Vice Moderator, John Burke (pastor of the Waterloo, Iowa, Grace Brethren Church); Secretary, Clyde Landrum (Chaplain's endorsing agent); Asst. Secretary, Wendell Kent (pastor of the Waynesboro, Pa., First Brethren Church); Treasurer, Dean Risser (pastor of the Lexington, Ohio, Grace Brethren Church); Statistician, David Grant (accountant for Brethren Home Missions Council).

A motion prevailed that the necessary name change be made in our constitution from National Fellowship of Brethren Churches to Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches wherever it appears in the constitution and that this be ratified in the first session of conference next year.

According to this year's statistical report presented by Pastor Ralph Burns of the Leesburg, Ind., church, our Fellowship of churches has 36,253 members. (This figure is reported as of December 31, 1974).

Next year's conference will be held at the First Brethren Church in Long Beach, Calif.

**Dillsburg, Pa.** Out of the fire hall and into a new church building! July 26 on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. was the dedication day for the Hope Grace Brethren Church. Dr. Herman A. Hoyt was the special speaker, and he stayed through Sunday to conduct a day of Bible Prophecy messages. We are praising the Lord for the way He has blessed our group. In March of 1972 a group of people from the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church of Harrisburg started this new work with Rev. Kenneth E. Wilt who had pastored the church until recently. The congregation has grown from 22 to the present weekly average of about 56. We praise the Lord for the faithfulness of Cary Engle (superintendent of construction) and the men of the church for making this building project a reality. Lee Dice, pastor.

## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

**Armagh, Pa.** Sept. 7-12; David Plaster, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

**Grandview, Wash.** Sept. 7-12; Zane Bull, pastor; Nathan M. Meyer, speaker.

**Oscola, Ind.** Sept. 7-14; Ward Miller, pastor; Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, speaker.

**Conemaugh, Pa.** Sept. 14-19; Kenneth Koontz, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

**Yakima, Wash.** Sept. 14-19; George Christie, pastor; Nathan M. Meyer, speaker.

**Important Notice.** In accordance with action taken by the delegates of the 1975 national conference, distribution of future issues of the *Brethren Annual* will be as follows: Three copies to each Brethren church, one copy to each Brethren minister, and one copy to each *Missionary Herald* subscriber who requests it. (Note: some churches have requested more than three copies, and the Herald Co. will honor these standing orders.) Those *Herald* subscribers who would like a copy should drop a note to the Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. A sufficient number will be printed to assure an adequate supply for everyone needing a copy. The 1976 *Annual* will be ready for distribution December 1, 1975.

**Here and There.** Rev. Frank K. Turman has a new address: 109 S. Mansard St., Martinsburg, Pa. 16662. Rev. John M. Aeby's new home address is 6946 Dudley Dr., Arvada, Colo. 80004. The Cumberland, Md., Grace Brethren Church has changed box numbers. Their new address is R. R. 2, Box 497, Williams Rd., Cumberland, Md. 21502. The new address for Archie Lynn is Hotel Livingston, 139 S. Paso Robles, Pasadena, Calif. 91101. Rev. Robert Dell has a new address: 844 Maryland Ave., Hagerstown, Md. 21740. Please change your *Annual*.



Mike Howard, Pastor Bruce Button and Cindy Rodgers.

**Albany, Oreg.** For the second time Mike Howard is to represent the Northwest District as one of the district quiz team members. A second member of the Northwest team is Cindy Rodgers. Mike is captain of the final team. Cindy made the highest score at quiz camp. They are shown here with Pastor Bruce Button after he had presented them with their trophies at the morning church service. Bruce Button, pastor.



# THE SWITCHBOARD

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director; James Long, assistant to the director.

## 1200 Is 1200 Is Spokesmen II

... 1200 miles is a long distance—especially on a bicycle! The Spokesmen traveled that distance in a little more than two weeks. With departure date July 18, the group of 13 boys, 2 van drivers and 2 leaders traveled around the coast of Lake Michigan.

The tour began at Winona Lake, Indiana, and led through Illinois, Wisconsin, and on through the upper and lower regions of Michigan. The tour ended at South Bend, Indiana, for Brethren National Youth Conference.

Under the sponsorship of the Christian Education Department and the leadership of Charles Sanger and Bill Crabbs (students in Grace Seminary), the cyclists received many good experiences and victories. I Timothy 4:8 states: "For bodily exercise profiteth little, but godliness is profitable unto all things . . ." It became a goal of the group to not only gain the physical endurances of such a trip but to much more gain values such as proper reactions, care for one another, the importance of self-discipline and the importance of "ministry."

Ages of the group ranged from those in the ninth grade to those in their twenties. In addition to the team members and leaders two young men served as cooks, bike mechanics, helpers and van drivers—Dave Jackson and Dave Hunt from Dayton, Ohio. Other members included:

## PSA INSIGHT

A computer evaluated Sunday School report of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches

### AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

of all reporting Sunday Schools\* . . . . . July, 1974—148  
 . . . . . July, 1975—153

### GROWTH INDEX BASED ON 161 REPORTING CHURCHES

July, 1974 weekly average attendance . . . . . 23,934  
 July, 1975 weekly average attendance . . . . . 24,708  
 NET GAIN in reporting churches . . . . . 774 persons or up 3.2 percent

### SUMMARY

85 churches registered increases totaling . . . . . 1,696  
 69 churches registered losses totaling . . . . . 922  
 Largest numerical increase . . . . . Columbus, Ohio (Grace)  
 Largest percentage increase . . . . . Salem, Va.

\* The larger the number of reporting churches, the more accurately these figures will represent the church growth picture of the NFBC. We urge the total support of the churches of the NFBC in this computer-evaluated church growth analysis which is provided free of charge to churches of the Fellowship by the Christian Education Department.

RECORD ATTENDANCE—Spokane, Wash.—55; Bethlehem, Pa.—112; Aiken, S. Car.—20; Orlando, Fla.—62.

### JULY CONTEST WINNERS

| <u>Div.</u> | <u>Church</u>                 | <u>Pastor</u>   | <u>Superintendent</u> |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| A —         | Columbus, Ohio<br>(Grace)     | James Custer    | Donald Garlock        |
| B —         | Johnstown, Pa.<br>(Riverside) | Don Rough       | Leroy Spangler        |
| C —         | Conemaugh, Pa.<br>(Pike)      | Kenneth Koontz  | John Adams            |
| D —         | Union, Ohio                   | Ron Picard      | Bill Cochran          |
| E —         | Washington, Pa.               | Shimer Darr     | R. Dennis Malone      |
| F —         | Colorado Springs, Colo.       | Tom Inman       | -----                 |
| G —         | Columbus, Ohio<br>(Eastside)  | Richard Sellers | Nick Jacobs           |
| H —         | Armagh, Pa.                   | David Plaster   | Joseph C. Barrett     |
| I —         | Bethlehem, Pa.                | Ron Guiles      | Ken Brown             |
| J —         | Salem, Va.                    | Roger Odell     | Fred Carroll          |
| N —         | Aiken, S. Car.                | Steve Taylor    | -----                 |

Greg Brenneman, Wooster, Ohio  
 David Friddle, Canton, Ohio  
 Steve Griffith, Souderton, Pa.  
 Greg Karns, Kokomo, Ind.  
 Steve Leaman, Lancaster, Pa.  
 Lyle Meeker, Altoona, Pa.  
 Joe Morris, Winona Lake, Ind.

James Sheldon, Elkhart, Ind.  
 Rod Valentine, Dryhill, Kent.  
 Mick Wenger, Minburn, Iowa  
 Kevin Woodard, Kokomo, Ind.  
 Dwayne Zimmerman, Ronks, Pa.  
 David Zook, Sacramento, Calif.

FEATURE

# Replacing the Blahs with BLA's

**What are Bible learning activities and why do you promote them?**

Bible learning activities are the tools through which learners discover spiritual truths for themselves, explore God's Word, try God's principles and practice living the Christian life. They are the many members of the diverse family of Bible teaching methods of which the lecture is patriarch.

We promote BLA's for the same reason that your parents introduced you to a spoon, fork and knife when you were a child. They were capable of feeding you, but wanted you to discover for yourself the taste and texture of the foods they placed before you. So they brought you some silverware and patiently taught you how to use it. Their theory was, "Don't feed the child anything he can feed himself."

Similarly, BLA's are based on the premise, "Don't tell a learner anything he can discover for himself." Telling passes on information, but activity involvement leads to real and lasting learning. Learning activities are merely the utensils you provide for your class members so that they can "help themselves" to spiritual food you set before them in the lesson material.

**But adults don't like to do those kind of things. They would much rather sit and listen to someone lecture.**

That is generally true because most adults have never experienced learning through creative activities. It's that old "we've never done it that way before" attitude of complacency, and sometimes even apathy. Be patient. Give them a few positive experiences and they will soon forsake "sit and listen" as a straight diet.

**Frankly, I don't see how I can get into that kind of teaching. I'm just not the learning activity kind.**

How do you know you're not? Because *you've* never done it before? Because *you've* had a bad experience? God wants you to be growing in your effectiveness as a teacher, just as in every area of your life. How can you grow if you're not willing to step out into new areas for the sake of your ministry?

My class expects me to lecture. They would be shocked if I did anything different. I don't think they could handle the change.

Don't hit them with a battery of activities all at once. Start with one learning activity—such as a neighbor-nudge, a doodle, or a sentence-completion exercise. Next week try something different. Remember this golden rule: The worst method to use is the one you use every week!

Change, even for the better, is seldom easy for anyone. We humans seek the comfort and security of "sameness"—and that's not always bad, except when it robs us of the adventure of growth. When change comes in small doses—each person knowing what is happening and why it is happening—it becomes less threatening. When trust exists between people they can venture into change together. The main threats of change are fear of the unknown and lack of trust.

Christian Education Department Editor's Note: *Educational processes and communication methods are changing at an amazing pace today. We are foolish if we do not recognize the implications these changes have upon the learning patterns of boys and girls in our Sunday Schools. But we are probably more foolish when we recognize the implications of the "audiovisual/experiential" age upon children and yet fail to provide educationally valid experiences for the adults of our Sunday Schools. In this article, members of the editorial staff of G/L Publications respond to questions often raised about the use of Bible Learning Activities.*

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Do you realize how much is involved in preparing a lesson like this? The teacher studies, collects magazines, glue, butcher paper, felt markers for activities; arranges chairs; prepares transparencies . . . is it really worth all that hassle?

Someone once said, "You get what you pay for." The Bible says it this way: "You reap what you sow." Never underestimate the depth of commitment necessary for the teacher/leader of an adult class. Is class time to you just a matter of getting through an hour on Sunday with the minimum of preparation through the week? Then you can expect a relatively static, possibly even stagnant group working harder to endure that hour than you are. But if you are looking for a dynamic hour of spiritual discovery and growth for yourself and your class then every moment invested in preparation is wisely spent.

**These creative assignments bother me—like art, song, writing, poetry and drama. What if you have a class like mine which isn't creative?**

Creativity is one of the attributes of God. Every individual has creative potential because we are all made in the image of God and reflect His creative ability. Many people have not discovered their creative abilities because no one has taken the time to lead them in creative endeavor. They just don't know how to release their creativity. Think of yourself as a guide with the delightful privilege of leading your students into the exciting realm of creative expression.

I sense a danger in the loose, activity-centered atmosphere. What if the groups don't cover all the material in the lesson? What if they don't arrive at the "right" conclusions?

Yes, there is a risk involved in the discovery learning approach—but it's based on faith, not chance. Two key principles need to be recalled at this point. First of all, who is *really* in charge of your class situation? If you are depending upon God for success in your teaching, and praying about every class session then Jesus Christ, the Master Teacher, is in charge of your class. He alone knows the deepest needs of the class members. He also knows the right conclusions to be reached in any given life—in any given session. If you cannot trust Him to produce results out of His omniscience, what hope do you have with your limited knowledge? Trust the Master Teacher.

Secondly, your diligent study of the Biblical material and familiarization with the focal point and aims of each session will prepare you to guide (not push!) toward the right conclusions. Be ready to ask questions or feed back statements to help the learners clarify what they are thinking and saying as they report their discoveries.

**What if we don't have the time, space or equipment to implement all these activities? Don't you realize how ill-equipped some of our churches are?**

Yes, we know. We attend some budget-conscious churches too! The key word here is *Adapt*. Use your own creative imagination to customize the activities to your specific situation. And if an activity doesn't fit at all, throw it out and devise one that will. The success of the activity-centered approach hinges on your ability and willingness to adapt our suggestions to fit your needs.

**What do I do when everyone else is involved in activities? I feel awkward just standing around.**

Mingle among the groups. Be available to answer questions. Affirm and encourage the learners in their projects. Keep a close watch on the time and let people know how much time they have left. Be careful not to dampen creativity by correcting spelling or bad-mouthing feeble artistic attempts. Remember that when you have done your part in preparation the session will not center on you, the teacher, but on the learners and their discovery learning activities.

**What do I do with the people who don't want to participate? Some of them don't want to do anything.**

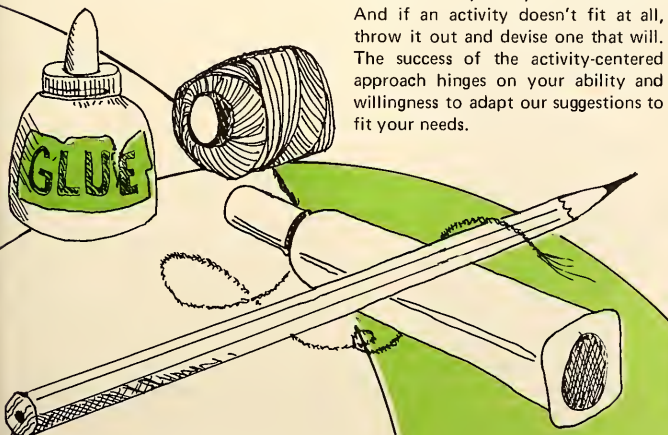
Allow them the freedom not to participate if they so choose. Never belittle them for their inactivity. But don't let the inhibitions of one or two people rob the rest of your class of the joy of discovery learning. Watch the non-participants. Discover their interests. When you give assignments try to gear to some of their interests too. Be patient and affirmative in their attempts to break free of their fears.

**But what if someone quits the class because of their dislike for this approach?**

Let's face it, there will be a few who will be unable to cope with the openness of the discovery learning situation. Every effort must be made to educate them to the reasons for your direction as a teacher. If it comes to a choice, although your better judgment will be the determining factor, the overall welfare of the class should be considered above the individual members in it. Those who refuse to follow your leadership must be released to search out the safety of a less threatening learning situation.

**Well, I must admit that the discovery learning approach looks good on paper, but is it working?**

Yes, it is working! Discovery teaching/learning has been tested and utilized by the International Center for Learning (ICL) seminars for several years all across the United States. The continuing growth of this ministry indicates that there is a readiness among adults for meaningful learning experiences that are new, exciting and sometimes just plain fun.





# What Bible Truths Can 2s and 3s Understand?

By Dr. Mary Barbour

For years many adults have misunderstood a young child's capacity for learning the things of the Lord. Some teachers have considered their nursery department responsibilities as mainly those of babysitting. Others have felt it their duty to try to cram young minds as full of Bible knowledge as they can in one hour. Neither viewpoint is acceptable. Twos and threes *can* be taught Bible truths and can retain them. But the truths must be those which can be presented at the children's level of comprehension in a natural, simple way. Your 2s and 3s can be helped to depend on God now, thanking Him for what He is doing for them today.

Your task is not to have 2s and 3s memorize Scripture, songs, and prayers merely to store them up for use in the far-distant future. The children are living *now*! You can drill some difficult words into a young

child's memory, but they are of little value if he cannot *understand* the meaning of those words *now*.

Some Christians read Psalm 119:11 with the period in the wrong place: "Thy Word have I hid in mine heart." They fail to use a comma, completing the sentence, "*That I might not sin against Thee.*" God's Word is not to be "stored up" the way a miser hoards money, never spending it. No, God's truth is to be learned for *using* now—as food is put on the table for daily use.

Your primary task, then, is to help 2s and 3s learn Bible truths which will help them live in God's ways *now* and which will help them commit their lives to the Lord later when they are ready to do so. Children are not *getting ready* to live—they *are* living. Your opportunity to help mold Christian character is *now*. If you want to build a house, you do not begin with the roof but with the foundation. In

teaching 2s and 3s you must begin with the foundation, helping children learn basic Biblical concepts and information that will meet their needs now. This foundation will also support their future structure of commitment, knowledge, and understanding throughout the years to come.

"Children who grow in this knowledge, who have a place for God in their thoughts and a picture of the way things really are, will be ready to respond to the Gospel message of God's love expressed in Christ's sacrifice when they've reached an age of understanding," reminds Lawrence O. Richards in his book *Creative Bible Teaching*. "Preschoolers can respond to Bible truths."

But what are these basic Biblical concepts? They can be grouped in these four categories: God, Jesus Christ, The Bible, and Attitudes and Actions.

## GOD

Usually, a nursery-age child can understand . . . .

God loves him.

God is with him always, in all places.

God will hear when he talks to Him.

God made the world and all things in it.

The child will, when encouraged, begin to show an attitude of trust in

God and dependence on Him.

## JESUS CHRIST

A two- or three-year-old can understand . . .

God sent Jesus to show His love for us.

Jesus was a very special Baby because He is God's Son.

Jesus was dead but God made Him come back to life again.

Now Jesus lives in heaven.

Jesus loves all children and wants them to love Him.

Jesus can do hard things that no one else can do.

Jesus can see and hear us all of the time.

On the basis of this knowledge and with encouragement, a two- or three-year-old can come to love the Lord Jesus, and he can want to please the Lord as his love for Him grows.

## THE BIBLE

A nursery-age child can understand . . .

the Bible is God's Book—it's very special.

the Bible tells about God and Jesus, and about such people as Moses,

Peter, Dorcas, and so forth.

God tells us, in the Bible, that He loves us and wants us to love Him.

Because a two- or three-year-old understands these truths, he will . . .

want to hear God's Word (selected stories and parts of stories).

willingly learn simple "Bible words."

associate the Bible with feelings of love, reverence, and respect for God.

## ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS

A very young child can learn to . . .

pray to the Lord about everything.

thank Him for daily care.

help others in God's house and at home.

want to please the Lord by doing what He wants him to do—obeying  
parents, being kind, sharing.

express his love for the Lord and be glad He loves him, too.

sing simple songs of a spiritual nature—songs that he can understand.

give money to help in God's house.

Of course, all of these Bible truths should not be presented to the children in large "doses," but bit by bit over the two years they are in the nursery department.

"For precept must be upon precept,  
precept upon precept;  
line upon line, line upon line;  
here a little, and there a little." (Isa. 28:10).

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# NEWS AND VIEWS

## Lines from Lewis

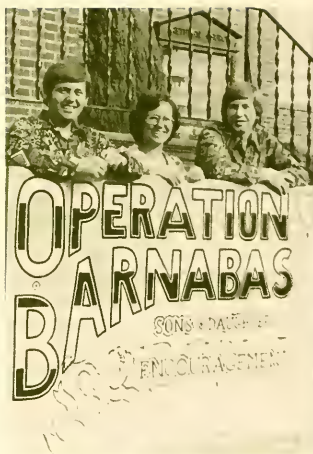
By Ed Lewis,  
Director of Youth Ministries

Operation Barnabas is ministering, loving, caring, encouraging, evangelizing. It is 26 teens and 3 adult leaders. It's a 17 piece band, a trumpet trio, and a choir with songs like "Get All Excited." That's Barnabas! It's a male quartet, a girls quartet, an octet and Sesame Street size puppets singing "This Little Light of Mine." It's also the chilling scream of Regina as she cries "Why, Mike, Why!! Why didn't you tell me about Jesus?" as the playlet portrays a girl being dragged into hell.

Barnabas means teens. Teens sharing with teens. It's door to door outreach almost every day with the teens of the local church. It's seeing Mike, Jerry, Carol, Robert, Jeff and many more receive Christ. It's feeling that a goal of 50 first-time decisions this summer is high and then leading over 120 to the Lord!!

Operation Barnabas is hearing the guys prepare and preach sermons. It's hearing the group prepare and present Sunday School and childrens church lessons. It's the sharing times each day, the morning Bible lessons, and things like hearing a team member share his experiences in leading his first person to Christ.

A blowout on the bus and mechanical difficulties or little frustrations are also a part of Barnabas. It's learning to react properly in frustrations. It's seeing hardened men in the jail services. It's singing and talking with teary-eyed ladies of the rest home. It's hearing the giggles from the children in VBS and feeling a deep lump of love in your throat for others. Barnabas means the crowds at the street meetings, and the excitement of the outdoor services, the reality of life in the inner city. It's also seeing the grin and tears of a middle-aged woman who attended the program on the street of Philadelphia and hearing her say, "This has been one of the greatest evenings of my entire life."



Christian Education Department Editor's Note: Operation Barnabas is a summer ministry of the Christian Education Department, cosponsored by the Brethren Board of Evangelism. The group traveled through Pennsylvania, Maryland and New Jersey with Ed Lewis and Kevin and Tina Huggins. Ed Lewis is the Director of Youth Ministries for the Christian Education Department. Kevin is beginning a ministry as youth pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Ashland, Ohio.



Digging a ditch, having six team members come down with a bad case of flu on a travel-day or having rocks thrown at the bus are all a part of Operation Barnabas. It's eating and eating and McDonalds and McDonalds. But it's also the excellent dinners and the terrific people in whose homes we stayed when we were at . . . Barnabas is realizing how great church floors feel when ready for bed after a full day. Operation Barnabas is a bus full of kids yelling all the crazy songs they learned as they "unwind" after working outside in 93 degree heat.

Barnabas means "sons and daughters of encouragement." It means

changed lives—not only in the churches but on the team. As one mother wrote, "my daughter is different now that she's home from Operation Barnabas. She's grown so much in that short time."

A letter from a Barnabas member says, "... I praise the Lord for the change in my life. I've never felt so close to Him! I've never experienced such great Christian love than in the month that we all shared! I feel so on fire . . . be praying for me that the fire may never go out. . . ."

Pray for young people. Give them the challenges they need.





HOW TO BECOME A  
CHILD OF THE KING

# I'm A Child Of The King

Welcome ladies, "Children of the King," to the 36th Annual WMC Conference. We have reflected many blessings this past year. Seeing how the Lord helps us meet most of our goals has been a real thrill and blessing to me. Our Home Mission offering goal was met and is over \$5,900. Our Grace Schools offering is over \$5,600. Money designated for our Foreign Mission project is over \$8,000. Our Operation and Publication Expense Fund is \$5,448—only \$52 short of the goal.

We trust that you, too, have been "Reflecting God's Blessings" this past year. In Matthew 5:14 it says, "Ye are the light of the world." Christ was speaking to His disciples in this passage, but He has also told us to shine for Him in the world today. We are the light reflectors from whom the Light of the world can shine out to others. One purpose of light is to illuminate dark places, and what a need there is today for the Light to shine in this dark world! If we are reflecting the Light who is the Lord Jesus Christ, those around us should know that we are "Children of the King."

As "Children of the King" what did your local WMC reflect last year? Was your WMC different, exciting and interesting? Or did you have trouble getting the women to come because it was the same old thing every month? Could there have been some improvement in your WMC? Was your WMC so different and interesting that the ladies didn't want to miss? Or was it rather boring? Remember, good programs do not just happen—they take work. I challenge you, as "Children of the King" to go back to your church and get involved and *you* can change your WMC! Don't wait for someone else—you do it!

I read somewhere that we should "never waste our time reflecting on opportunities that we have missed because while doing so we might miss more opportunities." How true! Our opportunities, responsibilities and availabilities this coming WMC year are many because we are children of the King and our lives should reflect that fact.

## Responsibilities

If you are not "A Child of the King," your first responsibility is to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. First, you must confess that you are a sinner, and believe in your heart that Christ died on the cross for your sins, and accept Him into your heart. Then you must live as a "Child of the King." You have probably observed that elderly couples who have lived together many years resemble each other both in looks and mannerisms. So, too, the intimate followers of Jesus, His disciples, having been in close fellowship with Him for three transforming years, manifested to others His tender compassion and holy attitudes. If we love Jesus as the disciples did, seeking to walk "even as He walked" (1 John 2:6), the world will notice before long that our lives have taken on His characteristics and virtues.

The story goes that in 1632—after the death of Gustavus the Great, king of Sweden—the chief statesmen of the country met to decide the future government. Some proposed a republic. Others suggested the vacant throne be offered to the king of Poland. In the midst of the deliberations the Chancellor suddenly rose and said, "Let there be no talk of a republic or of a Polish king, for the Great Gus-



Mrs. Joyce Griffith

tavus has left an heir, a daughter six years of age." This was not generally known, and the statement was received with surprise. "How do we know that this is not a trick of yours?" one inquired. "We have never seen this child; we were not aware that Gustavus had one." "Wait a minute," replied the Chancellor, "and I will show you." Leaving the room, he returned with a little girl whom he placed upon the throne where only the rulers of Sweden might sit. The man who had expressed his disbelief pressed forward and gazed intently upon her face. Then, turning to the assembly, he said, "Comrades, I see in this child the features of the Great Gustavus. Look at her nose, her eyes, her chin; she is indeed the daughter of our king." This was enough. Young as she was, they acclaimed her "Christina, Queen of Sweden."

As "Children of the King," we should have the Father's likeness and the traits of His family. They mark us as Christians and should be easily discernible. As heirs of God and joint heirs of Jesus Christ, we are to bear the image of our Lord. Our conduct and Christian character are features which should distinguish us as "Children of the King." Can the world see the family likeness in us?

When believers know and love the Lord, their faces naturally reflect the joy that is in their souls. Unsaved people of the entertainment world have the ability to appear happy even when they are not. I am not really im-

pressed when somebody deliberately turns on a "Pepsodent smile" and pretends to be cheerful. As believers, however, we can have such a glorious consciousness of the Lord's indwelling presence that our faces will glow with spiritual health. In the book *Be Joyful—It Beats Being Happy*, it says that happiness depends on right happenings, but even when things go wrong, you can have joy. The Saviour really gives true joy in the midst of life's deepest trials, and enables us to be living demonstrations of His transforming power. The light of God's Son in your heart will put His sunshine on your face!

Our theme verse this year is found in 1 Thessalonians, chapter 2, verse 12, "That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory." As "Children of the King" we should walk worthy of Him. The believers at Thessalonica could well be described in four words—courage, purity, love and fidelity. Courageous because they had been idol worshippers, and now they were Christians who stood firm on what they now believed. Their doctrines were true and pure. Their love was childlike. The Thessalonians' fidelity is mentioned in verse 10 of chapter 2, "Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holy and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe." They could be trusted in their witness—it was holy and genuine. Fidelity means true to your obligation or duty.

We, like the Thessalonians, should be courageous. Do we always have courage to witness to those around us? What about our purity? Is our witness always true to God's Word? Our love? Is it childlike? When children say they love, they hold nothing back. Our fidelity? Are we true to our many

duties at home, in the church, in WMC and to the Lord?

#### Availabilities

We are "Children of the King!" What availabilities we have! We are rich! I have always wanted to be rich, haven't you? Well, we are! A Christian man wrote, "A little lad was sitting next to me on a bus on his way home from school when we passed the great automobile factory in Detroit. As a bit of pleasantry I asked him, 'Have you a Ford?' To my surprise he replied without a trace of a smile, 'Yes, I've got a Ford sedan.'" His big eyes were serious, and I realized that he was not joking. "How long have you had it?" I inquired. "About two years," he answered calmly. "Do you drive it yourself?" "Oh, no, I'm not old enough for that. I'm only 10." It finally developed that the automobile belonged to his parents, but it was evident that the young fellow had been entirely sincere in his answers, and that he actually thought of his father's car as his own. That reminds me of how Paul, in a warm and simple-hearted way, expressed the same truth; that as a son in God's household, he possessed treasures which made him rich beyond all measure! By inspiration he exclaims in Romans 8:17, "And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ." He points out that sonship is not an empty title, but a guarantee of the possession and enjoyment of the heritage which the Lord delights to give His children. In Luke 12:15 it says, "... a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." Let's not put on a poor mouth to those around us. We have the availability to show those around us that the Lord does take care of us.

Poor? No, of course not! Why, how could I be,  
When Christ, the King, is taking care of me?  
Friend, I am rich! With Christ I am  
"joint heir,"  
Since He once stooped my poverty  
to share!

#### Opportunities

As you see, our responsibilities are great and our availabilities are never ending. What about our opportunities? We have many opportunities to show our courage, our purity, our love and fidelity. Our Bible lessons this year in WMC will show us many ways, in many different areas of our lives—"In Yieldedness," "In Service," "In Giving," "In My Community," "As a Wife," "In Witnessing," "In Growing," "An Example of a Child of the King—Mother," "In Treasure," "As a Citizen," and "In My Church." As we study these lessons our *Opportunities* will become greater and greater, and our *Responsibilities* will be shown to us as well as our *Availabilities*. We will be learning more and more about how a "Child of the King" should act, should think, what we should do, and how we should work together in our local WMCs.

We will be reminded over and over again, as we study this year, that we are "Children of the King"—let us be looking for His coming. When I was young and my father would be gone for an evangelistic meeting, I would look every day for his return. My girlfriend next door didn't look for his return because he wasn't her father. Are we looking for our Heavenly Father, our King of Kings? He is coming soon—perhaps today!

I'm a child of the King  
A child of the King,  
With Jesus my Saviour,  
I'm a child of the King.

As His child, let us be expecting Him!

WMC President's message given at the annual WMC national conference, August 4, 1975, by Mrs. Robert Griffith.



# No Time To Pray

I got up early one morning  
And rushed right into the day;  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I didn't take time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me . . .  
And heavier came each task;  
"Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered.  
He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty  
But the day toiled on gray and bleak.  
I wondered why God didn't show me —  
He said, "But you didn't seek!"

I woke up early this morning,  
And paused before entering the day;  
I had so much to accomplish  
That I had to take time to pray.

—Unknown—

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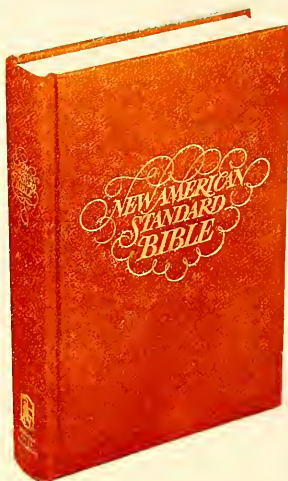
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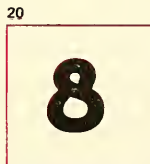
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People Sharing... at 47 Home Mission Points



**Cover Photo:** Over 100 Home Missions personnel are sharing the Gospel in various communities across America. The goal is to build self-supporting churches as has been accomplished at Galion, Ohio. Pastor Maynard Tittle is pictured on the cover.—*Photo by Dr. Lester E. Pifer*

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## Dear Editor

☐ Thank you and thank Dr. Smith for the straightforward and helpful article "Did Christ Die Only for the Elect?"

Sinners are headed for the lake of fire, because they are rebels against God. But they do not have to go there. The Good News is that God made possible the salvation of sinners through Christ's death. Unbelievers will be in the lake of fire not simply because they are sinners (for *all*, even the saved, are sinners), but also because they did not believe that Jesus fully took care of the sin problem and that his provision applied to themselves personally (1 John 5:10-11).

As Dr. Smith has so lucidly pointed out, if Christ's death did not apply to them, then sinners go to the lake of fire for not believing what in fact was not true anyway, as well as for their rebellion against God.

I hope the *Herald* will continue to publish these practical articles, which help us answer the questions that men are daily asking.—*Indiana*

☐ Thank you so much for the *Herald* article, "A Plea to Some Who Speak in Tongues." It really came to the point of the problems of those who do speak in tongues.—*Pennsylvania*

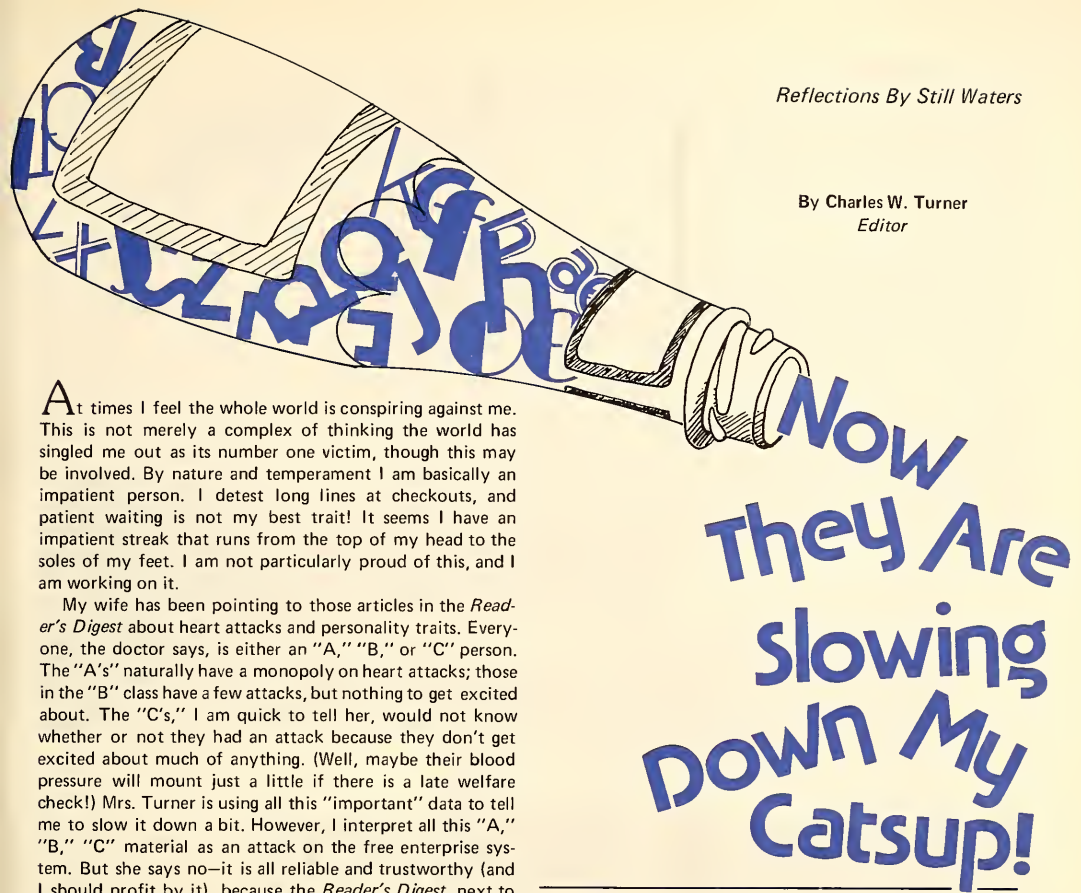
#### Dear Reader:

We are happy to announce that the number of *Herald* magazines being mailed out has topped the 12,000 mark for the first time. The last issue, dated September 1, was mailed to 12,015 persons in the United States and around the world. Three years ago we were mailing out just slightly more than 10,000 copies! We at the *Brethren Missionary Herald* are thankful for the widespread interest in the magazine.—*CWT*

*Address your letter to the editor, Rev. Charles W. Turner, Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. All letters must be signed, although names will not be used in the magazine.*



By Charles W. Turner  
Editor



At times I feel the whole world is conspiring against me. This is not merely a complex of thinking the world has singled me out as its number one victim, though this may be involved. By nature and temperament I am basically an impatient person. I detest long lines at checkouts, and patient waiting is not my best trait! It seems I have an impatient streak that runs from the top of my head to the soles of my feet. I am not particularly proud of this, and I am working on it.

My wife has been pointing to those articles in the *Reader's Digest* about heart attacks and personality traits. Everyone, the doctor says, is either an "A," "B," or "C" person. The "A's" naturally have a monopoly on heart attacks; those in the "B" class have a few attacks, but nothing to get excited about. The "C's," I am quick to tell her, would not know whether or not they had an attack because they don't get excited about much of anything. (Well, maybe their blood pressure will mount just a little if there is a late welfare check!) Mrs. Turner is using all this "important" data to tell me to slow it down a bit. However, I interpret all this "A," "B," "C" material as an attack on the free enterprise system. But she says no—it is all reliable and trustworthy (and I should profit by it), because the *Reader's Digest*, next to the Bible, is the most dependable literature in the world!

Now, please listen. Out of the six o'clock news the other evening came a commercial obviously written by a "C" personality. It told how slow the catsup comes from a bottle of Heinz. I thought it was a joke at first, but after viewing it for several nights I concluded it is all serious. My reaction was to tell the grocery shopper in our house never to buy another bottle of the *slow-pouring catsup*. I just do not have time for such luxury. Have we really come to the place where all we have to do is gaze up in the nozzle of a catsup bottle and wait for the results to pour out on our hot dog that is rapidly cooling in the transaction. My patience was tried just thinking of this agonizing ordeal.

Certainly I know it is a small thing to wait for 20 seconds for a drip of catsup. But this is just my way of saying that we human beings spend our time in very strange ways! There are some Christians who waste their time in ways as peculiar as the "catsup-watchers." Valuable time is spent in endless bickering and useless discussion. Time is spent in unprofitable analysis of unimportant topics. Paul spoke of discussions that were endless in nature and that never brought any constructive conclusions or results.

We as Christians have available more power but seem to use less "go" than any other known group. The dynamite

of the gospel of Jesus Christ is literally set to blow this old world apart. It has been placed in our trust—in our hands and in our lives—and yet it remains unused. Some churches have been on the same corner with the same sign out front for years and have made almost no impact on their community. It is not the lack of availability of God's power that creates the stagnation. It is the lack of permission by Christians to be used that finds God thwarted in working on an individual level.

It is about time we become aware of our opportunities for service and begin to get a little excited about the power of God. What are we waiting for or what are we hoping for that will get us motivated? Maybe you are fascinated in the wait for the slow-moving catsup to fall and have allotted plenty of time for the wait. I would much prefer to have the catsup pour quickly so I could get back to doing something more constructive.

It looks to me like we need some more "A" type Christians and a lot less of the "C" type. There certainly is a risk in activity, and this includes Christian activity, but the risk is small in relationship to the rewards which are great. The time is growing later than we think! When the end comes, I trust we will be found *serving* and *doing* for God rather than spending our time with minor things.



By Pastor Kenneth Wilt

It is not always the most ideal situation for people to drive quite a distance to attend church. Schedules become difficult to arrange when youth meeting begins at six o'clock and the evening service begins at seven.

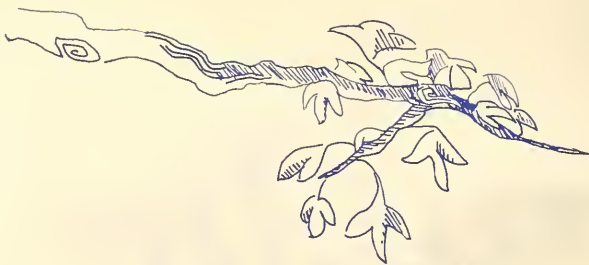
Several trips during the week begin to hike up the gas bill.

These circumstances often result in the forming of a branch church as recently took place in Dillsburg, Pennsylvania.

A group of believers who attended the Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church in Harrisburg felt led to begin a new church nearer to their homes in the Dillsburg-Mechanicsburg-Camp Hill area. With the support of Melrose Gardens, a Bible class was begun early in 1972.

Rev. Kenneth Wilt, who had retired from the pastorate, decided to accept the call to lead the class. Meeting on the second floor of the community building, 18 were present for the first class on January 28.

One month later the church was organized, officers were elected, and a full schedule of services was initiated. The name Hope Grace Brethren Church was selected.



# Bringing Heaven and

By the end of June, the average attendance was 39 in the morning service and 23 in the evening. That summer the church was received into the North Atlantic District and the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

Soon the second floor room became too small for the growing congregation. In the fall the services were moved to the large auditorium in the rear of the building.

Financial blessings from the Lord were abundant, and early in 1973 a decision was passed to begin the search for land. Eighteen months later, a 4-acre plot southeast of Dillsburg was purchased debt-free for \$20,000.

A building committee consisting of Chairman Arthur Stoner, Don Byers, Eugene Miller, Irvin Moyer, and Harry Yohn consulted with the Brethren



Architectural Service. The plans recommended to the congregation were accepted and groundbreaking was held September 15, 1974. Rev. Ralph Hall, head of the Brethren Architectural Service, was guest speaker.

Work began shortly thereafter with Mr. Cary Engle of Melrose Gardens as construction superintendent.

Continuing through the winter and spring, work was brought to completion in midsummer.

Beautiful weather made the building in its landscaped setting a magnificent sight on dedication day. The white steeple pointing to billowing clouds seemed to bring heaven and earth together. Guest speaker for the July 26 service was Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Schools. Dr. Lester E. Pifer represented Brethren Home Missions to the 140 in attendance.

The filled auditorium was a far cry from the community building the group occupied for 40 months. The smell of new carpet and fresh paint combined with the quieting tones of the Conn organ prompted the repetition of, "Isn't it beautiful!" And so it was.

Dr. Hoyt's appropriate sermon title, "The People and the Place" was complimented by vocal solos by Mary Ann Moyer accompanied by Mrs. Kenneth Wilt. Total offering for the day was \$1,759.51.

Special emphasis continued on Sunday with Dr. Hoyt bringing three messages on prophecy. The afternoon service featured a concert by the "Singing Men of Grace," a quartet from the



The auditorium of the Dillsburg Community Building provided space, but not much of an atmosphere for worship.

# Earth Together

Grace Brethren Church of New Holland, Pennsylvania.

With the church well on its feet, Pastor Wilt again expressed his desire to retire. As a result, the congregation called Rev. Lee Dice as pastor in June and he began his ministry at Dillsburg in July. Pastor Wilt and Pastor Dice shared in the dedication service.

Our wonderful Lord has so graciously answered prayer in the forming of the congregation, the purchase of the land, and the construction of the

building. We sincerely praise and thank Him for His goodness to us.

We are also exceedingly grateful to the "mother church"—Melrose Gardens—for their kindness to us. Pastor Phillip Simmons presented us with a check for over \$1,000 from their "Hope Chest."

Our gratitude is also expressed to the North Atlantic District for their gift of \$1,000.

There were many tired bodies of those who worked on the building, but



it was all repaid by the beauty of the finished structure, the best wishes of friends, and a great blessing from the Lord.

Rev. Lee Dice has become the leader of the young congregation.



Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, dedication speaker (center), joins retiring Pastor Kenneth Wilt (left) and new Pastor Lee Dice (right) and others from the Dillsburg church in opening the new building.

Rev. Kenneth Wilt is retiring from the ministry after directing the church through a building program.



## I KNOW WHERE I'M GOIN'

By Miss Carolyn Moyer

In the town of Dillsburg is where it all began  
With some families forming a firm Christian stand.  
A meeting place was needed to bring the people in  
To show them—Christ the Saviour cleanses them from sin.

Chorus: We know what we're seeking and what we hope to find;  
A humble place of worship He can call, "all Mine."  
A place to raise our voices in prayer and song and praises;  
To bring salvation's message before the judgment day.

We've reached our destination a meeting place was found;  
The local fire hall was used in the center of the town.  
We prayed and sang and witnessed in those very rooms;  
Even through the trials the congregation grew.

Chorus:

Now our dreams are real—but all is not complete;  
We know they're in the need of help, there are souls to reach.  
Because we love our Lord—and if we keep the faith;  
We know that some day—we'll see Him face to face.

Chorus:



A special number by a girls' trio from the Dillsburg church was presented in the morning worship service on the day following dedication. The trio, consisting of Carolyn and Betty Ann Moyer and Gwen Stoner, accompanied by Mrs. Leonard Smith, sang a number written by Carolyn Moyer. It was composed especially for the dedication service.

The song relates a brief synopsis of the church's history. It is sung to the tune of "I Know Where I'm Goin'."



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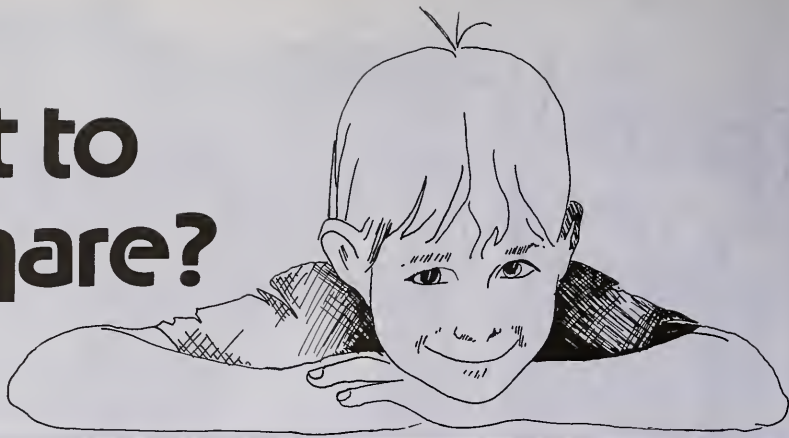
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One of the first lessons most children learn is about sharing. They give part of what they have to a friend.

Sharing was the basis for the commission Jesus gave to His disciples. They were to share the good news of the Gospel.

Brethren Home Missions operates on the same basic principle—sharing. There are 47 churches supported by Brethren Home Missions in 20 states. Our personnel follow the sharing principle of Philippians 2:15-16: "... sons of God . . . holding forth the word of life."

The Gospel is reaching from Orlando, Florida, to West Covina, California; from Longview, Texas, to Winona, Minnesota. However, at least 15 new works are waiting to be started. There remain 22 states without a Brethren church. We need the vision and support to penetrate these areas with the Gospel.

**The Brethren Home Missions Council**





There is more to this story than just a mortgage burning. That single event is simply another evidence of how God has worked in the lives of people in the Grace Brethren Church of Winona, Minnesota.

Brethren Home Missions churches are started in various ways, but the church in Winona is unique. Some home mission points branch off from a large church and begin a new work across town. Others get under way when a Brethren family moves to an area where there is no Brethren church. They begin a neighborhood Bible class which gradually develops into a full church program.

However, the Winona church began strictly from "scratch"—even without a Grace Brethren family.

Think back a few years to 1955 when Dr. Alva J. McClain was president of Grace Schools. A popular Bible teacher, he was holding a conference near Winona. Attending the meetings were Mrs. Ethel Christiansen and Mrs. Edith Woodward.

These sisters had become dissatisfied with the liberal trends in their own church and were greatly impressed by the clear teaching of Scripture by Dr. McClain. Contacting him later, they expressed their interest in a church that would teach the Word like he did. Of course, he recommended a Grace Brethren church and put them in touch with The Brethren Home Missions Council.

Soon the wheels began turning for a Bible class which evolved into the present Grace Brethren Church.

Beginning in the fall of 1955, the class met for a year in the home of Mrs. Christiansen. When Rev. Glen Welborn came as the first pastor in the fall of 1956, the class was moved to his home.



The original building purchased for \$5,000 was updated by an addition.



# Stewardship **Kindles**

Pastor Welborn resigned in 1959 and was followed by Rev. Roy Dice who stayed for one year.

Rev. Quentin Matthes arrived in October 1960, and arranged for the group to meet rent free in the Calvary Free Church. Three years later, this building was purchased by the Brethren for \$5,000.

Six months after the resignation of Pastor Matthes, Rev. Donald W. Farner arrived on the field. With experience in carpentry, he led a crew of volunteers in remodeling the building. More than a year and \$12,700 later, the refurbished church was dedicated on October 11, 1968.

The church was on a pulpit supply for a year after Pastor Farner left in the fall of 1969. For the following two years Rev. Myron Persons, former pastor of the St. Charles Bible Church, preached on a regular basis.

Rev. John Hartman began his ministry at Winona in June 1972. He has remained until the present time.



Rev. Donald W. Farner, with his wife, directed a program of remodeling which was brought to completion in 1968.



Rev. John Hartman has pastored the church since 1972.



Twenty years after the two faithful sisters motivated the beginning of the Winona church, they made another contribution. Though neither was present to observe the results, the congregation realized a great blessing.

When Mrs. Woodward died, the beneficiary of her estate was her sister, Mrs. Christiansen. In the late summer of 1974 Mrs. Christiansen also died. However, she remained faithful to the church in the stewardship of her estate. One-third of it went to the church she had helped begin. With that inheritance, the church's mortgage was completely paid off.

In addition to the portion that went to the local church, one-third of the estate went to the Brethren Navajo Mission and one-third was designated for Grace Schools.

A special service in June celebrated the burning of the mortgage. Dr. Lester E. Pifer was present representing Brethren Home Missions in recognizing this major advancement. It is rewarding for the Council to see another of its churches make the final step in the Home Missions program.

Mrs. Woodward and Mrs. Christiansen join the ranks of many individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the cause of Brethren Home Missions. As a result of the faithfulness of the people in Winona, Minnesota, this work is now a self-supporting ministry—our first in that great state.

# Winona Mortgage



# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

**Winona Lake, Ind.** Mrs. Norman Uphouse recently completed an intensive three-week seminar in counseling at the headquarters of the Narramore Christian Foundation in Rosemead, Calif. The stated purpose of this seminar is threefold: (1) to help each participant counsel more effectively; (2) to give each participant information regarding professional referrals; and (3) to enable each participant to gain a better understanding of himself. Mrs. Uphouse is Associate Dean of Students at Grace College.

**Anderson, S. Car.** The Grace Brethren Church of Anderson had a full-time youth director this summer. Bob Smith, of our Fort Lauderdale church, kept the youth active all summer and organized many fund raising projects to send 8 to 10 of our young people to national youth conference. Bob is a student at Bob Jones University and he is preparing for the ministry. We have appreciated his help this past summer. Marion Thomas, pastor.

**Covington, Va.** Rev. Thomas Goossens submitted his resignation as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church on July 16. He is available as a candidate for Brethren churches needing a pastor.

**Beaumont, Calif.** Rev. Curt Wildish has been called to the pastorate of the Cherry Valley Brethren Church. He has served as a missionary in South America and was a former member of the congregation.

**Wheaton, Ill.** Phil Landrum, a Grace Brethren author, editor, and journalist, has been selected to be in the first edition of *Who's Who in Religion*, to be published later this year by Marquis Who's Who of Chicago.

Phil has been an award-winning editor of three magazines: *Moody Monthly*, *CBMC Contact*, and *The Christian Teacher*. While he was editor, *Contact* was honored as the Evangelical Press Association's "Periodical of the Year." He has also won 20 additional writing and editing awards. He has coauthored eight books, working with such Christian leaders as Dr. Henry Brandt, Jay Kesler, and Dr. Paul Kienel. Phil has been active in the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches as a member in Uniontown, Pa.; Leesburg and Warsaw, Ind.; and now is Minister of Children and Youth at the Wheaton, Ill., church. He is a Grace College graduate (A.B.). He also holds diplomas from Moody Bible Institute (Christian Ed) and Northwestern University (M.S.J.). His journalism experience also includes newspaper, radio, and TV reporting, and he served a stint as a Washington correspondent.

**Important Notice.** In accordance with action taken by the delegates of the 1975 national conference, distribution of future issues of the *Brethren Annual* will be as follows: Three copies to each Brethren church, one copy to each Brethren minister, and one copy to each *Missionary Herald* subscriber who requests it. (Note: some churches have requested more than three copies, and the Herald Co. will honor these standing orders.) Those *Herald* subscribers who would like a copy should drop a note to the Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. A sufficient number will be printed to assure an adequate supply for everyone needing a copy. The 1976 *Annual* will be ready for distribution December 1, 1975.

**Waterloo, Iowa.** "The Sunday of July 6, 1975, is a day I will never forget! In fact, Mr. Grady put on such a good act in making the announcement that Mrs. Burke thought we were about to be fired! Neither one of us has quite recovered yet." These words were spoken by Pastor John Burke after the announcement was made that the Waterloo church was sending them to the Holy Land.

Pastor and Mrs. Burke celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary with a quiet meal at a local restaurant and let it go at that. However, unknown to them, for a month prior to the occasion, there had been a flurry of activity in the church family. Flyers were sent through the mail, announcements were made in classes, funds were raised, and so forth, to send them to the Holy Land as an anniversary love gift from the church. A trip to the land of Israel has always been a lifelong dream and it is about to come true. John P. Burke, pastor.

## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to appear in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of scheduled dates.

- Listie, Pa. Sept. 14-21. Fred Walter, pastor; Henry Rempel, speaker.
- New Troy, Mich. Sept. 14-21. Ron Jarvis, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker.
- Dayton, Ohio (First). Sept. 21-26. Forrest Jackson, pastor; Charles Turner, speaker.
- Sunnyside, Wash. Sept. 21-26. John Terrell, pastor; Nathan M. Meyer, speaker.
- Roanoke, Va. (Patterson Memorial). Sept. 28-Oct. 3. Daniel Eshleman, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.
- Cumberland, Md. Sept. 28-Oct. 5. Michael Funderburg, pastor; Henry Rempel, speaker.
- Kent, Wash. Sept. 28-Oct. 5. James McClellan, pastor; Nathan M. Meyer, speaker.



## Wedding Bells

A six-month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to new subscribers whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Diane Marie Derleth and Michael Lee Hurtienne, Apr. 19, Grace Brethren Church, Seal Beach, Calif. Roy R. Roberts, pastor.

Renate Beachy and Larry Deal, Apr. 26, Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa. Robert L. Burns, pastor.

Sandy Bishop and John Matthes, May 3, Grace Brethren Church, Minerva, Ohio. Galen Wiley, pastor.

Karen Marshall and Russell Howk, May 3, First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa. Donald Farner, pastor.

Mary Ann Fike and Richard Deist, May 10, Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church, Meyersdale, Pa. Robert L. Burns, pastor.

Laura Lynn Aguilar and Rex Allen Wegter, June 1, Grace Brethren Church, Seal Beach, Calif. Roy R. Roberts, pastor.

Velva Ritchey and Tom Myers, June 14, First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash. John R. Terrell, pastor.

Gladine Rupp and Larry McCall, June 21, First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa. Donald Farner, pastor.

Lorrie Libsack and Kevin Fisher, June 27, First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash. John R. Terrell, pastor.

Julie Bitschenauer and Gianni A. Kiresich, June 28, Grace Brethren Church, Seal Beach, Calif. Roy R. Roberts, pastor.

Sharon Galey and Don Walker, June 28, First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash. John R. Terrell, pastor.

Barbara Kuhns and Stefan Karas, June 28, Grace Brethren Church, Seal Beach, Calif. Roy R. Roberts, pastor.

Cheryl Robinson and Jerry Magers, June 28, Grace Brethren Church, Minerva, Ohio. Galen Wiley, pastor.

Cindy Shamberger and Dana Bratton, June 28, First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif. Merton Lambert, associate pastor.

Sally Sanchez and Paul Rininger, July 26, Grace Brethren Church, Minerva, Ohio. Galen Wiley, pastor.

Paula Tucker and Randy Shultz, July 26, First Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif. Merton Lambert, associate pastor.

Debbie Jordan and James White, May 31, Grace Brethren Church, New Holland, Pa.

Valerie Lapp and Carl Good, May 31, Grace Brethren Church, New Holland, Pa.

Connie Benton and Dennis Dodson, June 28, Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa.

Dianne Williams and David Hayden, June 28, Grace Brethren Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

Lynn Brown and Edwin Cashman, Jr., July 11, Bellflower Brethren Church, Bellflower, Calif.

Debbie Hysmith and Glenn Cutler, July 25, Bellflower Brethren Church, Bellflower, Calif.

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**Glendora, Calif.** As of Sept. 1, all mail for the church should be directed to the church address: 400 N. Glendora Ave., Glendora, Calif. 91740. At that time we will have a full-time pastor and he will be able to care for the mail. Our new pastor is Rev. Kenneth Churchill. This will be his first pastorate and we feel blessed to get such a fine young man who has grown up in a Brethren church background.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**CROW, Louis**, Apr. 12. Mr. Crow was an active member of the Grace Brethren Bible Church of Fort Myers, Fla., until ill health prevented his active involvement. Randy Poyner, pastor.

**FLEISCH, Mabel**, May 2. For many years she was involved with the Children's Bible Missions as a teacher. She was a district WMC officer in the Florida district at the time of her death. Randy Poyner, pastor.

**FREED, Richard**, June 28. He was a recent member of the Grace Brethren Bible Church, having moved to Florida after retirement from the Air Technical Intelligence division of Wright-Patterson Air Base in Dayton, Ohio. Randy Poyner, pastor.

**GALIMORE, Kenneth W.**, July 21. He was a faithful attender of the church for many years and he joined the church in 1972. Michael Rockafellow, pastor.

**GLENDENNING, Mrs. Nina**, 78. June 30. She was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Sunnyside, Wash. John R. Terrell, pastor.

**KRAUTER, Mrs. L. C.**, 92. June 29. She was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Sunnyside, Wash. John R. Terrell, pastor.

**MERKEY, Paul H.** 62, July 12. A beloved and a very active member of the Susquehanna Grace Brethren Church, Wrightsville, Pa. His ministry will be greatly missed. George Wilhelm, pastor.

**MEYERS, D. Jay**, 56. July 16. He was the treasurer of the Meyersdale Grace Brethren Church of Meyersdale, Pa. Robert L. Burns, pastor.

**PATTON, Eileen Freda**, 58, July 18. A member of the Grace Brethren Church of Cypress, Calif. Ross D. Martin, pastor.

**RAYNOR, Edgar A.**, 89, June 15. He was active as assistant Sunday School secretary-treasurer and a loyal choir member of the LaLoma Grace Brethren Church of Modesto, Calif. Darrell Anderson, pastor.

**REGIS, Flaugh**, 66, Aug. 1. A faithful member of the Leamersville Grace Brethren Church, Duncansville, Pa. John Gregory, pastor.

**STONEBURNER, Mabel**, 83, Aug. 14. A member of the Sidney Grace Brethren Church, Sidney, Ind. A. Rollin Sandy, pastor.

**WILGING, Mrs. Philip**, June 1. She was active in the Grace Brethren Church of Mansfield, Ohio, for many years. J. Hudson Thayer, pastor.

**YODER, Millard D.**, 55, May 30. He was a faithful member of the Reading Brethren Church in Stoytown, Pa., and a beloved brother in the Lord. Larry R. Weigle, pastor.

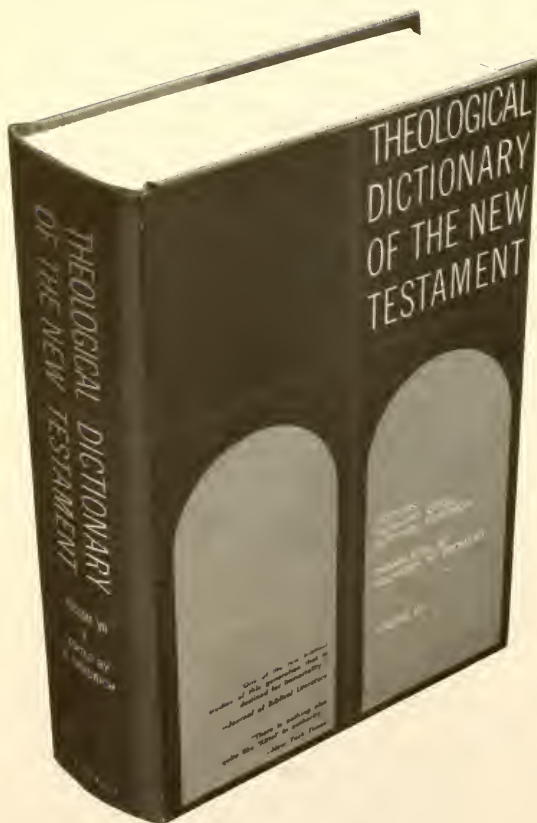
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**Denver, Colo.** Russell Ogden has resigned as pastor of the Grace Brethren Church, effective Aug. 20. He has accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Brethren Church of Washington, D.C., in Lanham, Md. His duties will begin in Lanham on Sept. 7. His new address is: 8400 Good Luck Rd., Lanham, Md. 20801, and his telephone number is 301/552-3093. His father, the late Dr. W. A. Ogden, pastored this congregation in its D.C. location from 1961-1968.

**Here and There.** As of Sept. 1, W. Carl Miller assumed the pastorate at Alexandria, Va. Roger Mayes has a new address: R. R. 1, Myerstown, Pa. 17067. Douglas Bray recently moved to 977 Arnold Way, Alpine, Calif. 92001. The new address for Chaplain Emlyn H. Jones is 13224 Superior St., Rockville, Md. 20853. Please change your *Annual*.

**Winona Lake, Ind.** Effective immediately! Churches needing a pastor and men who would be available to accept a pastorate, may register with the committee coordinator, Thomas Hammers, by means of a letter. Upon request, the list of available men will be sent to churches seeking a pastor. Information concerning pastorless churches may also be requested by available men. Other committee members are the moderators of the districts. The committee makes no recommendations, but is happy to provide this service. Write to: Rev. Thomas E. Hammers, Coordinator, Committee of Pastorless Churches and Available Men, Grace Schools, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

**Ashland, Ohio.** The church Homecoming and Five Year Anniversary of the present building will be observed by the Grace Brethren Church, West Main, Ashland, Ohio, Oct. 5, 1975. The church is inviting former GBC people to return for the day of celebration and recognition of God's good work through the people.

**South Carolina.** Our churches are asked to pray that South Carolina may soon have three churches. Anderson started in 1973 and Aiken started in 1975. Now Brethren families are living in Columbia, S. Car., and are attending Columbia Bible College. These families are working with the Anderson and Aiken pastors to set up meeting schedules in the capital city of the state. If you know of people living in the area, please write to either the Anderson or Aiken pastor and give the names and addresses of these interested people.



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It is unfortunate that editorials for September must be written more than a month in advance of publication. It is therefore impossible to reflect current news and trends. As of this writing it appears from the records of the admissions officers that the college may have an enrollment equal to last year. This is reason for encouragement in light of the rather depressed situation in higher education all across the land. Admissions to the seminary are

the one thing needed now is the money with which to initiate the building program.

Literature on the new building has been prepared and doubtless will already have reached many of our constituents by the time this issue of the *Herald* is received. We hope that both alumni and parents will welcome this new venture, and will join with us in raising funds with which to begin construction. At its February meeting the

### Is There a Need for Grace Schools?

Approximately 75 years ago a man by the name of Samuel J. Andrews wrote a book entitled, *Christianity and Antichristianity in Their Final Conflict*. From the pages of prophetic truth he drew the picture, which was even then developing, that would prevail at the end of the age. It was 30 years later that I read the book and was profoundly influenced by its truth. At that time the trends were even more in evidence. Now, 40 years beyond that time, the thought-trends have permeated the schools of the

# A New Year Is Now Under Way

exceeding those of a year ago. Let us thank God for the prospects, and trust that by the time you read this column the results will be even better.

If the prognostications of the experts are worth anything, a tighter economy is ahead. There seems to be every reason for concluding that a new spiral of escalation is immediately ahead. If this takes place, and it is now generating, we can expect that consumers will exercise greater restraint in expenditures and thus continue recession, or even initiate a new round of recession. This always has its broad effects and bears on the Christian community, and it is usually felt by Christian educational institutions. This affects enrollment and giving. We encourage you to pray for the school as we enter the new year.

For years Grace College has been operating under a great handicap. The available facilities have been far from what is needed to carry on an efficient program. It has been the ingenuity of the teachers that has supplied the gap. But even this has not been sufficient to attract enterprising young people. Some years ago it was necessary for one of the men now serving on our Board of Trustees, Dr. Glenn Baker, to go to another school to obtain the necessary training for a premed course. Thanks to him, and to Dr. Jesse Humbert, a new Science Building is now in the promotion stage. The architect's plans are nearly complete, and

Board of Trustees ruled that 50 percent of the cost of the building must be on hand in cash before construction can be started, which meant that \$275,000 was still needed at that point. At its meeting on August 2, however, another important step was taken. Dr. Kenneth Ashman, chairman of the Board, voiced it this way: "By its action the Board has approved the school going ahead with the working plans and financial planning for the Science Building. They will work with the available cash on hand and with that which will be forthcoming within the next several months." Is it possible that our people could exert themselves in an effort to help raise the entire amount needed to complete this building? Please pray about it!

There have been building programs in the past when people have transferred their gifts for the current operation to the building program, which resulted in a financial crisis in the educational program. This could develop again. It did not happen during the building of the Library, but those times were comparatively good when analyzed with the economy we now face. So we are pleading with our people to remember that the work here must go on. Don't forget the general fund! At best we labor under a limited financial outlay for the day-to-day educational process. Do not cut your giving short at that end in order to foster the Science Building.

land—even theological schools—and the rank and file of men and women are breathing this atmosphere.

Growing out of this antichristian thought is the low moral state of society in general and the crime wave that is now mounting in proportions. It is this devastating sweep of antichristian thought that has precipitated the Christian Day School Movement and makes a Christian institution like Grace Schools a *must* for the moral and spiritual welfare of our day. The importance of Grace Schools cannot be calculated in terms of dollars and cents; nor can it be evaluated in terms of the immediate present. But be assured of this, Grace Schools stands unreservedly against the antichristian philosophy now sweeping the world.

Even though it is clear that the world will finally be enveloped with this philosophy at the end of the age, it is not in the Christian directive to give up to this peril. It is the responsibility of the Christian to hold up the word of life in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, that some may be rescued from this tide of evil for the courts of heaven. Grace Schools plays its part in reaching the lost by training young men and women for the testimony they will bear to those who will never see the inside of Grace Schools. When you are inclined to imagine that we can get along without these schools, consider

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carefully the ministry they are performing.

The far-reaching ministry of Grace Schools now stretches all across the world. More than 3,000 students have enjoyed the benefits of its halls, and hundreds of thousands have been touched by the testimony of those who have attended Grace. It will never be possible to compute the value of this ministry until we get to the judgment seat of Christ. Though every indication exists today that the coming

of Christ is near, this in itself is sufficient reason for greater effort. Yet the coming of Christ could be delayed for some period of time, and this provides another reason why every effort and expenditure should be used to preserve and perpetuate this ministry of Grace Schools.

Hovering on the horizon of the immediate future are the crises now developing across the world, among which the Middle East is the most explosive. Should another war break out, and this is entirely possible, there are

implications that could affect society in general, certainly a society like our own where so much depends on the availability of oil at a cost that is reasonable. Grace Schools is a part of this economy and must feel the effects of this possible crisis. Pray for Grace and use your influence as far as you can for its preservation and promotion, and so much more as you see the great day of Christ's coming drawing nearer. Many look to Grace Schools for help. Let us meet their confidence with the necessary assistance. 

# A New Man for the Job

**I**t is with a strong commitment to be a participant in what the Lord is doing at Grace Schools that I want to be a part of alumni relations at the college and seminary.

This is what Gerald H. Twombly had to say when he assumed the duties of Director of Alumni Relations for Grace Schools at the beginning of the 1975-76 school year. He was born on Christmas Day, 1944, into the family of Merrill and Minita Twombly in the small New England town of York, Maine. He was taught the Scriptures and had the example of godly parents who demonstrated through their lives the Biblical principles they so faithfully expounded.

When Jerry was 5 years old he invited Christ into his heart and for the next 10 years routinely followed the weekly ritual of regular church attendance and involvement in church youth activities. During the summer of 1959 while still looking for that special ingredient which changes an average Christian into an enthusiastic, involved believer, Jerry sought employment as a member of the staff of Word of Life Camps in Schroon Lake, New York. He stepped forward at a pre-camp campfire service when Jack Wyrzten spoke on Romans 12:1-2. "I realized that Christ wanted more than

my heart—He wanted my life. That night I dedicated my life to Christ to use for His will."

Because study of God's Word was a daily habit that summer, Jerry soon realized that his life had been wasted those previous 10 years. Fearing that a return to his home in Maine would mean falling into the same "old rut," he asked to stay at Word of Life and work on the winter maintenance staff while finishing high school. Reluctantly his parents agreed and for the next three years he lived at the Word of Life Inn while completing his high school education.


Following graduation from Schroon Lake Central High School, he enrolled at Miami Bible College in Florida. "Continuing to feel a strong leading of the Lord to full-time Christian work, I quickly became involved in the youth work of a local church, a ministry at a juvenile detention center, and the summer camping ministry of Word of Life," Jerry stated.

Upon graduation from Miami Bible, he was accepted at Grace Theological Seminary—graduating from the M.Div. program in the spring of 1970. He enrolled in the Th.M. program. During his years as a student at Grace, Jerry managed the Warsaw Monument

Works and pastored a Bible church in Paulding, Ohio.

Before completing the postgraduate work, he accepted a post at the Word of Life Bible Institute in Schroon Lake, where he taught four years and helped develop the one-year Bible Institute program. He also directed the Word of Life Inn, the largest adult Bible conference in America, for three summers. In May, 1974, he resigned from the Word of Life ministries and returned to Grace Seminary to resume work on the postgraduate requirement.

"Our involvement at Grace Seminary and at the Winona Lake Brethren Church has given us a great appreciation for the highly competent educational program established here. I strongly hope that in God's grace and with His help I am able to make a spiritual contribution to the lives of students and the graduates of Grace Schools," Twombly stated.

Jerry is a director in the Christian Leadership Society, Winona Lake, Indiana, and before assuming his present position, he was employed as a salesman for Walmer Supply, Inc., in Warsaw, Indiana. He and his wife, Sandra Lee, and two children, Christopher, 7, and Chad, 5, reside on Route 2, Leesburg, Indiana. 

It has been a busy summer for many of the faculty and administrators of Grace Schools.

**Dr. Donald DeYoung**, assistant professor of physics, spent the first eight weeks as an instructor in the college and a student in the seminary. He also participated in a one-week summer institute on Scientific Creationism at Cedarville (Ohio) College. He was also employed by Holt-Rinehart Publishing Company as editor of a new college physics text.

**Robert Ibach, Jr.**, library assistant for the seminary and assistant professor of Old Testament and archaeology, received the Master of Library Science degree from Indiana University on August 15. This summer he also attended the annual conference of the Christian Librarians' Fellowship at St. Paul Bible College in Minnesota.

**Dr. S. Herbert Bess**, professor of Old Testament and Hebrew, spent 16 weeks in Athens, Greece, serving as a member of the Old Testament translation committee for the New International Version of the Bible. Although stationed in Athens, he has been able to visit many of the Grace alumni in Europe.

**Dr. Homer A. Kent, Jr.**, president-elect of Grace Schools, and **Dr. John Davis**, executive vice president-elect, have been completing manuscripts for their forthcoming books on Galatians and Genesis.

**Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hamilton**, librarians, went on a three-week tour of European countries with the Christian Librarian's Fellowship. They visited some of the great libraries and cultural centers of the world.

# Once a Teacher... Always a Student

**Robert Mathisen**, history professor, participated in a four-week workshop in the Development of Instructional Materials at Illinois State University.

**Professor Kenneth N. Taylor** spent part of the summer at Indiana State University taking six hours in criminal law and correctional group therapy which he reports was both enjoyable and of real benefit in his teaching. He is an assistant professor of American history and sociology.

**Professor Vilas Deane**, on leave at the University of Montana, is working on his dissertation in the areas of Category Theory, Topos Theory and Categorical Topology. He is a mathematics instructor in the college.

**Dr. John C. Whitcomb, Jr.**, member of the seminary faculty since 1951, conducted a series of teaching ministries in Europe while on sabbatical leave during the 1975 spring semester. He has resumed duties as director of Postgraduate Studies and professor of Theology and Old Testament. Dr. Whitcomb has begun work on his book on Esther.

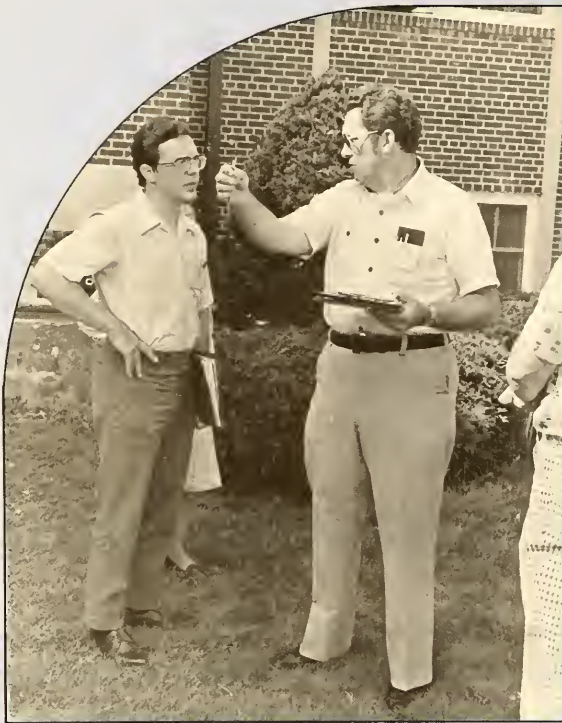
**Richard Dilling** has returned to campus as assistant professor of mathematics and physical science after finishing the Ph.D. degree in science education at Purdue University. Dr. Dilling's dissertation was on "An EEG Investigation of the Differences in the Hemispheric Specialization of Formal and Concrete Operational Persons."

**Chaplain Lee Jenkins** has received the Master of Science in Education degree with a major in guidance and counseling at St. Francis College, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

**Stephen A. Grill**, assistant professor of speech, is continuing work on his doctorate at Indiana University. **Terry D. White**, assistant professor of journalism, is also continuing to work on his doctorate with the University of Iowa.

**Robert L. Arend**, has returned to campus as assistant professor of English, after doing additional work on his doctorate at Purdue University.

**Associate Dean Miriam Uphouse** completed an intensive three-week seminar in counseling at the Narramore Christian Foundation at Rosemead, California, this summer. She was one of 50 selected for the course taught by faculty of the Rosemead School of Psychology. **Dean Arnold Kriegbaum** and Mrs. Uphouse attended the Association of Christian Deans at Biola College in La Mirada, California, in June.



Mrs. Donna Grubb, Mansfield, Ohio



Dr. E. William Male, institute director,  
giving directions.

# Institute of Christian



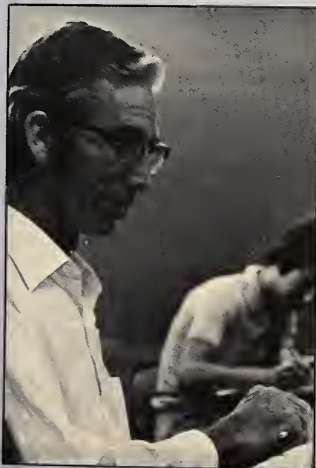


There were 220 administrators, board members and teachers from 29 states and six foreign countries participating in the fifth National Institute of Christian School Administration held on the Grace College campus in Winona Lake. Dr. Roy W. Lowrie, Jr., executive director of the National Christian School Education Association of Newton Square, Pennsylvania, was the director of the week-long conference held in August.

A faculty of 25 top Christian school administrators and educators from across the United States conducted 122 sessions during the week. Dr. E. William Male, professor and director of the graduate program in Christian School Administration at Grace, was a member of the faculty and also host for the institute. Other faculty members representing Grace included Dr. John C. Whitcomb, director of postgraduate studies at the seminary; Director of Development Richard G. Messner and Dewey J. Melton, development officer.

# School Administration '75

Howard Vulgamore, Warsaw, Indiana



# Plan Tomorrow's Giving... Today

By Richard G. Messner  
Director of Development  
Grace Schools

God has used the faith-promise plan of giving to transform lives, stimulate churches, and multiply finances for organizations including Grace Schools. However, many are confused as to just what a faith-promise really is and, as a result, many blessings from God are being missed.

A faith-promise can be generally defined as a commitment for some length of time for a specific amount you feel God would like to channel through you—not necessarily dependent upon known or anticipated resources. The believer looks to the Lord in faith asking how much he should give, then promises to give as the Lord provides. This is a way to demonstrate our faith in God's promise (Matt. 6:33).

A faith-promise is not what I think I can do, but what I believe God can do and wants to do through me as His channel. It is not a pledge to man, but rather a "good faith" agreement between the individual and God. Therefore, no statements or reminders are sent. The faith-promise is a vertical agreement with God.

It is a gift between you and God, not a pledge to man. He guides you to the amount, you look to God to provide it and you are responsible only to Him. A faith-promise gift is over and above regular giving, an exercise in faith beyond what you can see.

## Faith-Promise—Compared with Other Types of Giving

| Type                      | What It Is         | Motivation for Giving                                         |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tithe                     | 10% of income      | Jesus said, "This you ought to have done" (Matt. 23:23).      |
| Offerings and Sacrificial | Additional from me | As God's stewards, we ask—"Lord, what do you want me to do?"  |
| Faith-Promise             | Extra—from God     | Jesus asks in Mark 10:51—"What do you want Me to do for you?" |

Participation in all three types of giving will bring the joy of obedience and eternal dividends to the giver, blessing and excitement to Grace Schools, and glory to God. Following are some honest questions and a start at the answers.

**Why should we ask and expect God to give us more, when we have so much already that is not committed and being used for Him?**

*The new funds God does supply will go for His work. This indication of God's priority will influence giving of other funds.*

**Is faith-promise giving Scriptural?**

*The concentrated Biblical teaching on giving in II Corinthians 8 and 9 most certainly supports the faith-promise in principle. "Beyond their power" in 8:3 could have specific reference to faith-promise giving and 8:10 makes reference to a definite commitment.*

**Won't transition of support from current operation funds to faith-promises place an institution's basic support in jeopardy?**

*The history of faith-promise giving from churches and missionary endeavors all across the country shows that this fear is unfounded. This unique partnership with God draws deeply on His resources.*

**Note:** The faith-promise program was used with the Grace Library Learning Center from 1969-1974 and our gifts to current operations increased during this time period 61.65 percent!

**Doesn't the faith-promise make God a "gimmick"?**

*If we look to the faith-promise as a "gimmick," then it will fail. But God cannot fail. Those who trust and obey Him are partakers in His success.*



## Analysis of 1974 Alumni Giving Report

| <u>College Alumni</u>                      | <u>Brethren</u> | <u>Non-Brethren</u> | <u>Combined Total</u> |
|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Total membership .....                     | 812             | 1,427               | 2,239                 |
| Number of donors .....                     | 304             | 64                  | 368                   |
| Number of nongivers .....                  | 508             | 1,363               | 1,871                 |
| Percentage of givers .....                 | 37.4            | 4.5                 | 16.8                  |
| Miscellaneous giving .....                 | \$26,146.83     | \$4,509.50          | \$30,656.33           |
| Average gift .....                         | \$ 86.00        | \$ 70.46            | \$ 83.30              |
| <u>Seminary Alumni</u>                     | <u>Brethren</u> | <u>Non-Brethren</u> | <u>Combined Total</u> |
| Total membership .....                     | 342             | 951                 | 1,293                 |
| Number of donors .....                     | 254             | 98                  | 352                   |
| Number of nongivers .....                  | 88              | 853                 | 941                   |
| Percentage of givers .....                 | 74.2            | 10.3                | 27.2                  |
| Miscellaneous giving .....                 | \$26,595.28     | \$5,950.37          | \$32,545.65           |
| Average gift .....                         | \$ 104.72       | \$ 60.71            | \$ 92.45              |
| <u>Summary</u>                             | <u>Brethren</u> | <u>Non-Brethren</u> | <u>Combined Total</u> |
| Combined College/Seminary membership ..... | 1,154           | 2,378               | 3,532                 |
| Number of donors .....                     | 558             | 162                 | 720                   |
| Number of nongivers .....                  | 596             | 2,216               | 2,812                 |
| Percentage of givers .....                 | 48.3            | 6.5                 | 20.3                  |
| Miscellaneous giving .....                 | \$52,742.11     | \$10,459.87         | \$63,201.98           |
| Average gift .....                         | \$ 94.52        | \$ 64.56            | \$ 87.78              |

In the months ahead, various representatives from Grace Schools will be presenting our "Priority of Progress" program for Grace Schools. Our immediate project is a new Science Center costing some \$800,000. This is something that only God can do and we want you to share this adventure in faith with us!

### FAITH-PROMISE PRAYER CARD for the Grace Development Plan

With the Lord's help, I have stepped out on faith to give \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Grace  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
**Development Fund** during the next \_\_\_\_ years (19\_\_ to 19\_\_). This is to be over and  
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The following will represent my giving program: (Please check)

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 Make checks payable to:  
 Grace Development Fund

☐ I would desire information on how stocks, securities, and bonds can be put to  
work in this Development Program.

Gifts will be acknowledged promptly and are **tax deductible!**



# Eight Additions

Six alumni are among the eight new faculty and staff members of Grace Schools for 1975-76.

**James C. Kessler**, of St. Clair, Missouri, is an instructor in physical education, assistant basketball and assistant track coach at Grace College. He received the B.S. degree in physical education from Grace in 1970 and the M.Ed. from the University of Missouri in 1972. Since graduation he has been a high school teacher and head coach in the St. Clair (Mo.) Public Schools. He and his wife, Susanne Lee, are the parents of one daughter, Kimberly Anne.

**David L. Wickstrom** is an instructor in psychology at the college. Since graduating at Grace cum laude in 1971, he has been a graduate student at Rosemead (Calif.) School of Psychology. He is currently completing his doctoral work at Rosemead and plans to continue studies for the degree while here in the field of counseling psychology. He and his wife, Johanne, are the parents of two children, Lori and Matthew.

**Daniel M. Snively**, of Muncie, Indiana, has been appointed Acting Associate Dean of Students and Director of Housing. He was awarded the B.A. from Grace College in 1972 and the M.A. from Ball State University, Muncie (Ind.), majoring in student personnel (housing) and administration. This is not a new position, rather it is one which was once cared for by the Dean of Men and the late Leslie Moore, who was housing director. Dan and his wife, Joan, are the parents of a one-year-old son, Jason.

**Donald L. Fowler**, of Route 6, Warsaw, Indiana, is an instructor in Hebrew in the seminary. He was awarded the B.A. from Pillsbury Baptist Bible College, and the M.Div. and Th.M. from Grace Theological Seminary with the Th.D. in progress. He has been the pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Osage for two years.

**Weston W. Fields** is an instructor in Bible and Greek in the college. He is a graduate of Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeny, Iowa, and holds the M.Div. and Th.M. degrees from Grace Seminary. He has served in a part-time capacity as a teacher in both the college and seminary at Grace, as well as the Elkhart Bible Institute. He is currently matriculating in the Th.D. program at Grace Seminary. This past summer he was at home in Alaska where he has become an expert on fishing, even authoring a textbook on the subject. He and his wife, Beverly, reside in Warsaw, Indiana.

**Donald Faas** has assumed the duties of director of financial aid at Grace. A native of Iowa, he received the B.A. degree from Grace College in 1973 with a major in mathematics and a minor in psychology. Upon graduating, Don accepted a position in Staunton, Virginia, where he was math instructor and head baseball coach at Staunton Military Academy for the past two years. He with his wife, the former Virginia Hungerford, reside at 1024 East Clark Street, Warsaw, Indiana.

**Stanley E. Myers** has joined the Grace College faculty as assistant professor of business. He comes to Grace from Southeastern Christian College where he has served as business manager and faculty member for the past five years. He received the B.S. in accounting and economics from East Tennessee State University and the M.B.A. in accounting from Eastern Kentucky University. He has been a Christian high school teacher, instructor at a business college, Internal Revenue Service agent and staff accountant for a firm in Louisville, Kentucky. He and his wife, Helen, are the parents of six children.

**Dr. Bruce K. Alcorn** of Indianapolis, Indiana, is a member of the college faculty as associate professor of education and chairman of the Division of Education and Psychology. He earned the B.R.E. at Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania, the M.S. at State University of New York, and the Ph.D. at the University of Iowa. His professional experience includes two years of public school, two years of Christian school teaching, three years of the faculty of Bowling Green State University as associate professor of education and member of the graduate faculty. He has been visiting lecturer at the University of Buffalo, program coordinator of the Iowa Educational Information Center, associate director of the computer science project of the Southern Regional Education Board and program associate for the National Laboratory for Higher Education in Durham, North Carolina. This past year he served in an administrative post with the Baptist High School in Indianapolis. He is married and the father of four children.

**Dr. Richard Jeffreys** has been appointed assistant professor of biochemistry in the college. He received the A.B., the M.S. and Ph.D. from West Virginia University and since 1971 has been assistant professor of biochemistry, Missouri Baptist College. He was assistant research biochemist for the Samuel Robert Noble Foundation, Inc., Biomedical Division for two years. He and his wife, Kathy, are the parents of two children, Dwight and Rachel.

# Reaching Out

By Harold L. Dunning

*Pastor of Missions, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.*

The United States is called a melting pot. On the Statue of Liberty there is an engraved invitation welcoming the needy of other nations, cultures and races. Unfortunately, after many of these sail past the tall lady and disembark they do not find the same welcome from the established Americans. The promised melting process stretches out in time, especially for those whose skin pigmentation and bodily forms are truly distinctive. This hesitation on the part of the establishment encourages the natural tendency of these new people to gather in their own ethnic groups. In so doing, these people perpetuate their own language and cultural forms. This slows the melting process to the proverbial speed of cold molasses.

What should be of great concern to the born-again bride of Christ in each community is the fact that these language and cultural ghettos tend to shut out the Gospel. The very small minority of them who respond in any way to the religious community are regarded with suspicion by their ethnic peers.

Many Bible-teaching churches fail to properly evaluate the resistance manifested by these ethnic groups. Their refusal to join in the fellowship of the saints is often interpreted as a rejection of both Christ and His fellowship. However, a more realistic evaluation of this resistance can be found in one of the following three possibilities: (1) the ethnic groups fail to really understand the language forms used by evangelicals; (2) they fear a carry over of the rejection they have sensed from the establishment; or (3) they refuse to leave the comfortable security of their own cultural cocoon. Evangelical churches should remember the parable Jesus gave in Luke 14:15-24 when He suggested that we make a special second effort to bring such men to Christ.

The First Brethren Church of Long Beach, California, has been led to make such a "second effort." Recognizing that these ethnic minorities respond more readily to association with

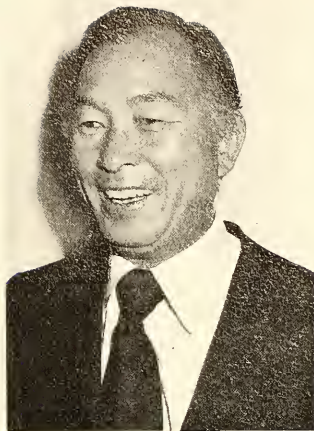
their own people, the First Brethren Church has opened its facilities so that believers from among these groups may preach the Gospel and teach the Word in the way that is most acceptable to the group. Special efforts are being made at this time to reach two groups: Spanish Americans and Koreans.

## to the Unreached

The special effort to reach Spanish Americans began about five months ago under the leadership of Dan Viveros, a Spanish American Vietnam veteran. Dan accepted Christ when he was a soldier in Vietnam. He found a Bible under some papers and began to read it. I Peter 2:21 caught his attention. There he read, "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." To quote Dan, "As I read this verse it was as if someone had lifted a 500 lb. load off my back." Dan soon learned to trust Christ as his Saviour and thanksgiving replaced self-pity in his life.

Upon returning to the States two things greatly influenced Dan's life. First, he attended California State University at Long Beach where he met Christians from Campus Crusade who helped him in his new life. Secondly, he came into the fellowship of the First Brethren Church where he was taught and nourished by the Word of God. His new spiritual experience challenged Dan to share his faith with others so that upon graduation from State he entered Talbot Seminary.

In the fall of 1974, God began to challenge First Brethren with the spiritual need of Spanish-speaking Ameri-



"Pastor Ben"

cans in Long Beach. Many of these would come to the regular services, some were won to Christ by members of the church, but the language barrier hindered their growth. Slowly the idea of a Spanish-speaking Bible class during one of the Sunday morning hours began to haunt the minds of the pastoral staff. Pastor David Seifert challenged Dan with this possibility. After several weeks of prayer the class began on February 16, 1975. There were 18 at this first meeting of the class and interest has grown steadily ever since. One evening not long after the class began, the congregation rejoiced as several Spanish American believers were baptized.

Several weeks later the Dean of Western Schools, Dr. Robert McBirnie, introduced Mr. Bong Woon Oh to several of our staff. "Pastor Ben" (as he is affectionately called) was born in a small town in the central part of Korea where his father owned a hardware store. At the age of 17 he was led to the Lord and immediately began to seek God's will for his life.

In 1944, three years after the Japanese launched a surprise attack on the United States Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, Ben was forced to flee to Manchuria to escape forcible induction into the Japanese Imperial Army. He



stayed in Manchuria for about one year. During this time he met and married Chun-Lan (Shiela). Ben and his bride returned to Korea in 1945 where Ben attended a theological college for four years. Upon graduation he became the pastor of the Changmuro Church in Seoul. Peace was short-lived in Korea, however, and in three years, the North Korean Communists over-ran Seoul. Pastor Ben and his family were again forced to flee and to hide for three months in a mountain cave. After the American Army freed Seoul, Pastor Ben became a chaplain in the Korean Navy as his contribution to the war effort.

After the Korean war, Ben came to the United States as a student to seek training to teach on the faculty of a Bible college in Seoul. His schooling in the United States, however, was not Biblically oriented. Consequently, Ben's mind and heart were plunged into confusion concerning the faith when he returned to Korea. This led him to give up his teaching and return to the United States a second time to "seek his fortune."

In so doing, Ben built a successful business. During the next 10 years he learned that the prosperity of the pocketbook does not necessarily bring peace to the soul. One Easter morning while watching a sunrise service on TV, Ben's dissatisfaction came to a head and Ben "made up his mind to clear up everything and come back to the simple Christian life." He returned to the study of God's Word and soon

he became associated with the ministry of "The Oriental Missionary Church," the largest Korean-speaking church in America.

In the days and weeks following Ben's introduction to us here at First Brethren, he challenged us concerning the need of the 3,000 Korean-speaking people in the Long Beach area. Ben was ready to turn his business enterprises over to the well-trained hands of his managers and to sound forth his rediscovered faith in Christ and His Word. Therefore, the pastoral staff and membership of the church invited "Pastor Ben" to start a Korean ministry in "the Chapel." This ministry began on June 1 and has been growing ever since. Already we are hearing of conversions and salvation among these people who could never have been so challenged by the regular English testimony of First Brethren.

Recently Kwang Ja Park, a Brethren missionary to Brazil, found it necessary to care for her widowed mother who just arrived from Korea. It was impractical for her to go back to Brazil at this time so Kwang Ja has been assisting Pastor Ben in this new Korean work. We are grateful for her contribution to this work.

This is the story of how the First Brethren Church of Long Beach is reaching out to the unreached.

Will you remember these two ministries in prayer? Consider your responsibility to make a "second effort" to evangelize these people for whom Christ died.

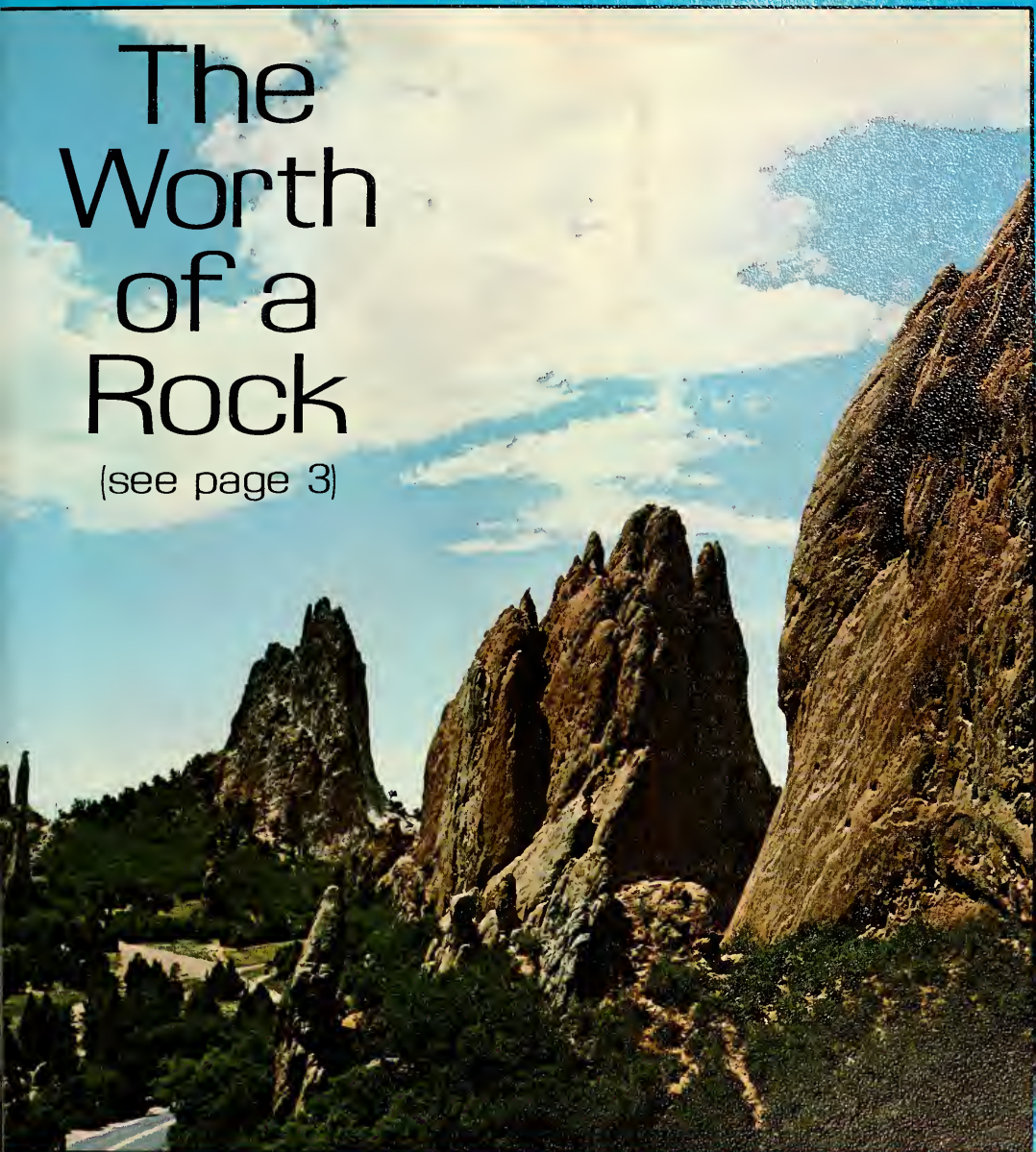
The First Brethren Church  
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# The Worth of a Rock

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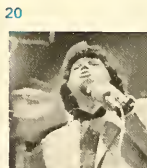
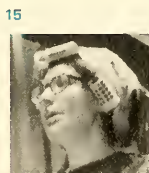
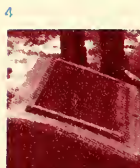
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□ I am a prisoner at a state correctional center. I've read one of your tracts called *Life's Most Important Question*. I know a young man who gave his life to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and it was because of that particular tract. Sirs, I have no money to buy these wonderful tracts, so I'm asking you if it's possible for your company to send me some of your tracts. I'd like to hand them out to other men and I could use as many as you could spare. I have found Christ to be everything and I want to share Him with others. My address is enclosed. Thank you and may God bless you.—*South Carolina*

□ I would like to order a copy of the *Brethren Annual* to be sent after it is printed. I have been a subscriber since the *Herald* was first published and keep all the *Annals*. My only difficulty is the colored print and colored pages. My eyes are not what they were at one time and I do much better with good black on white. I am 81 years old.—*Indiana*

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# The Worth of a Rock

By Charles W. Turner  
Editor

At first glance all rocks appear to be alike. But upon closer observation that statement proves to be false. This fact was vividly brought to my attention several years ago when my wife acquired a *motherly* instinct for rocks. It all started innocently enough! We were at a cottage for a fall retreat and each day as we took a walk through the woods she commented on the beauty of one special rock. In a moment of weakness I remarked that it would not be difficult to dig up this particular rock and take it home. I had carried home drift wood and small plants without difficulty—why not a rock?

The one she wanted was slightly buried in the soil so it was necessary to take a shovel on our next walk. I soon discovered we were trying to dig up the central part of the state of Michigan. This rock must have differed from the Rock of Gibraltar *only* in location and *not* in size! My wife, being a reasonable woman, agreed it would not fit in the trunk, so we looked further.

Since that time I have purchased rocks by the pound in South Dakota to grace my fireplace. I have roamed the riverbeds of Colorado. The three Turners have cried, "Look at this one" so many times we are now insensitive to the call. Much like the often repeated, "Wolf, Wolf," we do not listen or even look because each feels he has found the best. We have seen numerous colors of rocks, and the multi-colored ones always bring shouts of a special find. But those with mica defy description. Oh, to find just one geode filled with beautiful crystals!

We have put them in the trunk of the car until the radiator pointed upward. We have since learned that placing them on the floor of the backseat does give balance, but it also brings outcries from my son who must sacrifice his comfort for these intruders. I do believe we would bring home all of the Red Rocks and the Garden of the Gods of Colorado if both space and law would permit such conduct. But the crushing blow of all is to haul a

100-pound rock thousands of miles, and then find its twin brother less than 100 yards from one's own home! The illusion of distance had charmed us again.

Have you ever noticed the recurring theme of rocks in the Biblical context? Jesus Christ has been referred to as the Rock of our Salvation. The ancient Psalmist spoke of fleeing to the Rock for safety and protection. The modern singer speaks of "Safe to the Rock that is higher than I." Even Peter was associated with the name, Rock.

Of all of these religious references I find a most charming proverb that teaches a very important lesson—it is possible to be small and yet wise. "The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks" (Prov. 30:26). A coney is identified by most Bible scholars as a rock-badger. Rather small and mostly defenseless, the conies find their homes in the rocks. We are told they have sentries who watch for an oncoming enemy. When an enemy is sighted the sentry sounds a shrill whistle, and the conies head for the safety of the rocks. Being small and feeble it would be folly to stand and try to fight a much stronger foe. They have a liability and they know it. They compensate for their size by running to the refuge of the rocks.

There is a lesson in the story of the conies because we frail human beings have a lot in common with them. Having been crippled by the problem of sin, we have been left as feeble ones—somewhat defenseless and needing to have a refuge. Unfortunately many people are not as wise as the coney and do not seek safety in the Rock. They are doomed to perish at the hands of the enemy—Satan.

Others have realized their need of salvation and they have sought refuge in the true Rock, Jesus Christ. They have found safety and are sheltered from the threats of the enemy. Each time I pass the rocky formations I am impressed with their massive size and am thankful that I am secure in Him—the Rock of our Salvation.





# Conference Had a Missions Flavor

The theme of the 86th Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches—"To Advance the Gospel"—was chosen in recognition of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. And the subject of missions permeated the conference.

The Foreign Missionary Society had invited the mission fields to send special representatives to the conference. Several fields responded. Argentina sent a pastor, Juan Colle. Mexico sent a pastor who is also the present national moderator of the Brethren churches in Mexico, Rodolfo Villa. France sent Daniel and Julia Dutruc, active workers of the mission. Pierre Yougouda, presently a student at Grace Seminary, represented the Central African Republic. Each evening the conference program featured one of these people, and their testimonies met with keen interest and enthusiasm on the part of the conference crowd.

Conference speakers were assigned topics which related to missions: "The God of Missions," "The Passion for Missions," "Who Is a Missionary?" "Motivating for Missions," and "The Message of Missions"; along with "The Cost of Advancing the Gospel," "The Program of Advancing the Gospel," "The Rewards of Advancing the Gospel," and "The Means of Advancing the Gospel." Each afternoon Monday through Thursday there were missions seminar sessions for an hour and a half; a person wishing to participate had to choose which one of the sessions, numbering three to five each day, he wanted to attend.

The overall main thrust of foreign missions came on Wednesday of conference week. The FMS annual corporation meeting at 9:45 a.m. was routine. However, it was climaxed by a move "out under the trees" to the spot where the Foreign Missionary Society was founded on September 4, 1900, where an impressive service of dedication took place for the three new missionary couples—the Norm Johnsons, Lynn Hoyts, and Aldo Hoyts. The noon hour found more than 300 people gathered at the Winona Hotel for a banquet meal after which they heard short messages from the national representatives, along with several numbers by the Chate-lains—musical quartet from France. Small candles, contained in favors at each place, were lighted at a given signal, and "Happy Birthday" was sung to the FMS!



FMS office displays commemorating 75th anniversary; special displays by Art Davis



"Under the trees"—dedication service for new missionaries at the spot where the Foreign Missionary Society was founded. Pastors and board members lay hands on new missionaries while Rev. A. Rollin Sandy offers dedicatory prayer.



Missionaries attending 1975 Missions Seminar: left to right—Foster Tresise, Marguerite Tresise, Don Miller, Ernie Bearinger, Bill Burk, Elaine Bearinger, Imogene Burk, Rosella Cochran, Floyd Taber, Margaret Mason, Harold Mason, Cleo Johnson, Aldo Hoyt, Norm Johnson, Larry Pfahler, Alice Hoyt, Lynn Hoyt, Lois Wilson, Marie Mishler, Mary Hoyt, Margaret Hull, Sherry Hammers, Lila Sheely, Dan Hammers

At the conclusion of the session that evening, approximately 100 people gathered for a 75th anniversary celebration, this also being held at the Winona Hotel dining room. This occasion was for the FMS "family"—missionaries, board members, office staff, families—and anyone who had ever served in such a capacity. Dr. Russell D. Barnard brought a message in which he reflected on past accomplishments as well as challenges for the future of foreign missions. (Dr. Barnard's 20 years—1946-1966—as General Secretary of the Society witnessed a great deal of progress in the FMS work.) A vital part of the evening was the fellowship and refreshments, highlighted by a special anniversary cake topped with "trees" and miniature figurines in turn-of-the-century costumes—the entire creation being the work of Mrs. Wayne Snider.

Each evening Sunday through Thursday "Aunt Alys" Haag conducted meetings for the Missionary Helpers Club (ages 6 through 12). With the attendance averaging approximately 130 youngsters, Aunt Alys and her helpers knew no dull moments. Various missionaries appeared on the programs, presenting slides, stories, music, and curios. There was always a prayer time, handwork, and refreshments. The grand conclusion was in the form of a Friday noon picnic for 180 people, the number including parents.



Aldo & Alice Hoyt, Lynn & Mary Hoyt, and Norm & Cleo Johnson, new missionaries to Argentina (Hoyts) and South Brazil (Johnsons) at the plaque on the spot of the founding of the Foreign Missionary Society

At that time awards were given for prize-winning posters and coloring contest pictures.

Missionaries and nationals at conference were also featured in the youth conference at South Bend.

The gratitude of the FMS is expressed to this year's Executive Committee for their efforts in spotlighting foreign missions on the occasion of this anniversary. And surely it was no

mere coincidence that this year's moderator and vice moderator, Rev. Scott Weaver and Rev. Dean Fetterhoff, respectively, are both members of the FMS board of trustees.

Could anyone who attended the 86th Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches possibly have departed without being aware that indeed this conference had a "missions" flavor? ☛



# The Chateau Walls Speak

By Mrs. Kent Good



It was after midnight on June 4 that I was so rudely awakened. I suppose they were trying to be quiet, but they certainly weren't doing a very good job of it. They spoke in half-whispers and kept bumping into me in the dark. But then, I'm used to such interruptions—people always seem to be coming to me at any and every hour of the day and night. At first I really didn't see how the Juliens put up with it, but now I'm beginning to understand the reason. My host and hostess, Tom and Doris Julien, make a special effort to help all visitors feel right at home. Through their hospitality, they try to show the love of Jesus to their guests, so regardless of the day or hour, the Juliens always extend a friendly welcome to all—even to the six Americans who arrived so late that night.

It didn't take me long to figure out who they were, though, because often about that time of the year I become the summer home of a group of American young people. They call themselves the "TIME Team"—sent out by the Christian Education Department and the Foreign Missionary Society of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. "TIME" stands for "Training In Missionary Endeavor" and is a program designed to help young Christians gain an understanding of the ministry of the Brethren mission in which they are serving, and to provide an opportunity for each one to examine his own calling with respect to that mission field.

Personally, I like having a built-in

family for the summer. Like any other aging chateau, I like having my windows tickled—and those kids do plenty of that! They're really impressed with me! Why, I hear I'm the talk of the team when they go back to the States! But now, I really am letting things go to my attic! I know I should be more humble since I'm a Christian chateau, but it's hard to be when these kids get so excited about my ministry (oh, and about the missionaries, too, of course).

Now that you know a little bit

more about the mission that brought my midnight visitors to me, let me tell you more about them and their summer experiences. Kent Good, a junior at Grace Seminary, was the ringleader and he brought with him something that no other TIME-er has ever brought before—a wife, Becky; she just graduated from Grace College last May. A real asset to the team was Debbie Smith, a Grace College junior who is studying French at the University of Grenoble this year. Karen Walk-







er, a missionary kid and Grace music major, and Becky Burns, a preacher's kid and "working woman," were the other female members, leaving Rob Melcher, a Grace sophomore from Washington state, as Kent's only male support.

Unlike past summers, this summer found the major part of the missionary staff on furlough at one time or another. However, the team did get to spend time at the mission points in Chalon and Tournus before the Shargels, the Hammerses, and Dutruks left for the States.

For the most part, the team spent their summer with me. June was orientation month, and besides their visits to the other mission cities, they had additional activities—from picking cherries to mountain-climbing. The highlight of June was our musical festival, featuring a number of Christian musicians. A large, bright-colored canvas canopy was put up in my park and the concerts were held there, beginning on Saturday night and ending Monday afternoon. Although the rainy weather chased some people away, there were still people everywhere.

July was camp month. For the first week the emphasis was music, with evangelism and Bible study as the topics for the two following weeks. Although summer vacations took many of my usual visitors away from me, it was still a very profitable time for those who did come. My favorite event in July, though, was the "sound and light" presentation of the story of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.



Stadium to hear Dr. Billy Graham preach. Hundreds of people received Jesus that week and were quickly placed in home Bible study groups affiliated with local churches.

My favorite part of the summer was the team's last week—not that I wanted them to go! You see, that's the time when the team worked on ME! Those girls really gave me a good cleaning on the inside while the men worked on the outside. Each team that comes spends time rejuvenating me, and I love it! That's why already I'm straining my windows each night, hoping to hear some more midnight guests!



(Artwork by Terry Julien)

Terry Julien and Dan Hammers worked together preparing the script, sound track and lighting, and all the French, English and American young people acted out the narration. Boy, when they have those presentations I almost feel as if I had really been there. Besides, I look so nice with all those bright lights!

Although I didn't get to go along, I think I can safely say that one of the team's greatest experiences was their trip to Brussels to attend "Eurofest." Eurofest was a gathering of nearly 8,000 Christians from 37 countries and speaking 17 different languages. After spending the day in Bible study, everyone packed into the Heizel





Board of Trustees—seated, left to right: Dr. Homer Kent, Sr., Dr. Lloyd Fish, Rev. Wesley Haller, Rev. John Zielasko (Foreign Secretary), Dr. John Whitcomb, Mr. Herman Schumacher, Dr. Bernard Schneider; standing, left to right: Rev. Scott Weaver, Rev. Robert Griffith, Dr. Kenneth Ashman, Dr. Glenn O'Neal, Mr. Ivan Moomaw, Rev. Dean Fetterhoff

# FMS BOARD MEMOS

- ★ The Board of Trustees interviewed 28 missionaries on furlough and candidates.
- ★ Election of officers for the Board and Society resulted as follows:

President . . . . . Dr. John C. Whitcomb, Jr.  
 Vice President . . . . . Rev. Wesley Haller  
 Secretary . . . . . Dr. Kenneth B. Ashman  
 Treasurer . . . . . Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr.

- ★ Brethren Missionary Herald study guide books will be sent to all missionary families.
- ★ The following missionaries on furlough were approved for return to their fields of service: Miss Lois Wilson, Miss Lila Sheely, Miss Rosella Cochran, Dr. and Mrs. Larry Pfahler, Rev. and Mrs. Don Miller, Miss Margaret Hull—Central African Republic; Rev. and Mrs. Bill Burk, Rev. and Mrs. Ernie Bearinger—Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hammers—France.



- ★ A cost-of-living adjustment in allowance was made for Europe and Africa.
- ★ The annual budget was revised and approved in the amount of \$896,967.00.
- ★ Field Superintendents were appointed as follows:
 

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| Argentina . . . . .                | Rev. Solon W. Hoyt     |
| Brazil . . . . .                   | Rev. George A. Johnson |
| Central African Republic . . . . . | Rev. Roy B. Snyder     |
| Chad . . . . .                     | Dr. J. P. Kliever      |
| Europe . . . . .                   | Rev. Thomas T. Julien  |
| Mexico . . . . .                   | Rev. Walter E. Haag    |
- ★ Field reports were received and appropriate actions were taken.
- ★ Dates for the next (midyear) meeting of the Board were set for February 16-20, 1976.





1975 TIME team to Argentina—left to right, back: Peggy Bechtel, Mike Marshall, Peter Peer, Colleen Austin; seated, Viki Cover, Larry Robbins

# TIME Went to Argentina

The 1975 TIME team to Argentina was organized as a result of an invitation by the national church for a team to go and visit their churches. The team members were: Peter Peer (leader), Colleen Austin, Peggy Bechtel, Viki Cover, Michael Marshall, and Larry Robbins. The team arrived in Argentina on June 3 and returned to the States on August 10. In the 10 weeks the team was on the field, they visited 19 churches and traveled 3,500 miles. Ten first-time decisions were made for the Lord during that time.

Peter Peer has evaluated the state of the church in Argentina, as follows:

I wish to make just a few personal observations. It is my conviction that the national church in Argentina is healthier now than at any other time in the past eight years. That may sound like a rash statement since I had not been in Argentina for eight years. But I talked with many nationals

and with the missionaries. And I believe the statement is true. The missionaries are in good spirits. The national church has a great desire to lift itself out of the low state into which it had fallen. For the first time in many years the nationals realize that they need the missionary. And the missionaries realize that they must work with the national church. Missionary-national relationship has never been better in the time that I have known the field.

The lack of missionaries has produced some very interesting results. It has created a very special kind of laymen. They are highly capable and intensely busy in the work of building the church. They have two special burdens on their hearts. One—to buy, equip, and man a car for evangelization. They are not asking the mission to do it; they want to do it themselves. But they would appreciate our help. Two—they want to get the Bible Institute started again. They are trying to raise funds for it. There are capable young men who want the training. They do not want missionaries as pastors, but as organizers and teachers. The nationals are capable; they just need some help.

Several churches are down and in need of immediate help. They are Huinca, Renanco, Corral de Bustos, and Almafuerte. They all have good possibilities; they just need some firm leadership. I am encouraged at the prospect of regaining some lost works. Just in the last few weeks the Hoyts have been attending to the work at Ciudad General Belgrano. It has had a spark of renewed interest of its own accord. The home that belonged to the mission there was sold to a family who later came to know the Lord, and they are having the meeting in their home. The work at Gigena is really growing. It has been built completely by the nationals. There were four decisions for Christ in Santa Rosa while we were there and several more after we left.

I suppose I sound overly optimistic. Well, I guess I am. I think the time is ripe for some real growth in Argentina. I pray God will let me be a part of it.



By Jesse B. Deloe  
FMS Deputation Director

Among the highlights at our national conference this year was the presence of national representatives from four of our mission fields: Juan Colle, Argentina; Daniel and Julia Dutruc, France; Rodolfo Villa, Mexico; and Pierre Yougouda, Central African Republic. These people were widely used in the conference at Winona Lake as well as the national youth conference in South Bend. For the remainder of the month of August they were all busily engaged in an itinerate ministry among nearly 80 of our churches in the East. Each of these people is a story in himself.

Juan Colle is a graduate of the Brethren Bible Institute in Argentina and has been a pastor for 12 years. He is now pastor of the Rio Cuarto church which is our largest Argentine testimony. He also serves as layout artist for *Ninez*, the magazine of the Child Evangelism Fellowship in Argentina. Traveling with Mr. Colle in his U. S. itineration was Aldo Hoyt, missionary under appointment to Argentina. Aldo was born and reared on the field where his parents, Solon and Kathryn Hoyt, continue to labor for the Lord. A long-time friend of Juan Colle, Aldo found it delightful to serve as his interpreter in the ministry among our churches which continued until mid-September.

Daniel and Julia Dutruc-Rosset represent our mission work in France. Daniel is a product of that ministry; Julia is from Rotterdam, Holland; they met while attending Bible school in Paris. Following graduation they were married and then employed by the Brethren mission. Mr. Dutruc is a prolific song writer and has written most of the music used by the quartet in which he and Julia are joined by missionaries Dan and Sherry Hammers. Calling themselves the *Chatelains* ("residents of a chateau"), they have been performing together in Europe for several years, and participated last year in the World Congress on Evangelism in Lausanne, Switzerland. The two couples will be involved in a fall conference schedule, along with several other missionaries on furlough, until the middle of November.

The moderator of the Mexican association of Grace Brethren Churches was another national representative to our NFBC conference this year. He's Rodolfo Villa of Tijuana, Mexico. Saved out of a rough and violent life as a youth, Rodolfo graduated from the Brethren Bible Institute in Mexico and became a pastor. During his August itinerary he was accompanied by Lynn Hoyt, brother of Aldo and another appointee to the Argentina field. Their schedule saw them involved almost entirely in churches in the state of Ohio.


The last of the national representatives is a young African, born in the Cameroon and now residing at Winona Lake, Indiana, where he is a student at Grace Theological Seminary. Pierre Yougouda came to the United States in August, 1973, with his wife, Martine, and daughter, Laura. Erick joined the family in 1974. Mr. Yougouda pastored in Cameroon after graduation from the Brethren Bible Institute in the Central African Republic. Then he was called back to the school as an instructor where he served for five years prior to his assignment in the U.S. Pierre traveled into the southeastern United States in August for speaking engagements, and is now available for a limited number of opportunities to minister in churches in the Winona Lake

# A Sample of the Fruits

area during the school year. The Yougouda family traveled to the Northwest to visit among Brethren churches there last January—between his school semesters—and anticipates a similar visit to southern California next January.

Now, what does the itineration of national representatives among our churches accomplish? Several things of value. First—and this was mentioned by the representatives themselves on numerous occasions—they are the fruit of 75 years of Brethren involvement in foreign missions. How thrilling it was at conference in August to see before us the living evidence of the fruitfulness of faithful missionaries' labors and the gifts of faithful supporters at home over the years! The nationals' presence among our churches was partly a reward for Brethren faithfulness. More than that, it was an incentive to continue and expand the greatly needed support for missionary personnel and finances to carry on, producing similar fruit in even greater numbers in the future.

We cannot overlook, either, I think, the value to the nationals themselves and the fields they represent. They will surely be able to report to their brethren back home that the brethren of the sending country are with them in spirit and in support. They will convey to their co-workers our love for and interest in them. They will be able to report on the life of American churches, for they will have been in many of them.

Seventy-fifth birthdays come only once. It may be a long time again before we see in our conference and churches so many evidences of the blessing of God upon our foreign mission endeavor. How we do praise Him for permitting us to meet and be blessed by Juan Colle, Daniel and Julia Dutruc, Rodolfo Villa, and Pierre Yougouda. May God be pleased to bless their ministries richly! 

Pastor Rodolfo Villa  
from Mexico; a  
happy day when he  
received his Bible  
Institute diploma in  
1973



Pastor Juan Colle from Argentina



The Chatelains from France



Pierre and Martine Yougouda from Central African Republic

# BMA NEWS SUMMARY BMA BMA

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

**ATTENTION! A GROW** planning session will take place at the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio, on Oct. 20-22. The GROW national committee consists of a delegate from each of the districts, and each of our national boards will be represented.

• **Cypress, Calif.** Pastor Ross Martin reports that in the last 6 months, more than 40 persons have united with the Grace Brethren Church. Attendances at all the services have been remarkably good, even during the summer vacation months. A three-day family life conference was held Sept. 3-5 with Dr. David Hocking.

• **Post-conference tour planned.** Next year's national conference will be held Aug. 6-13 in Long Beach, Calif. A one-week tour to Hawaii begins Saturday, Aug. 14, and will feature tours of three islands and a Sunday visit to our churches. Cost will be about \$450. Write for further information—Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590; or Rev. Ralph Colburn, 5885 Downey Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90805.

## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of their scheduled dates.

• **Clayhole, Ky.** Oct. 5-10; Richard Boggs, pastor; John Sholly, speaker.

• **Parkersburg, W. Va.** Oct. 12-19. Ralph Miller, pastor; Henry Rempel, speaker.

• **Portis, Kans.** Oct. 12-19. Clarence Lackey, pastor; Richard Sellers, speaker.

• **Telford, Pa.** Oct. 12-19. Robert Griffith, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

• **Findlay, Ohio.** Oct. 19-26. Glenn Coats, pastor; Ralph Green, speaker.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**BURNETTE, John T.** Aug. 6. A member of the Patterson Memorial Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

**JOHNSON, Mark.** 14. He was the son of Edwin and Carolyn Johnson, former missionaries to the C.A.R. under the Brethren Foreign Missionary Society. A memorial service was held at the Los Altos Brethren Church in Long Beach, Calif., on Aug. 25.

## Wedding Bells

A six-month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to new subscribers whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

**Anna Yasenich and David Seth Marquart,** May 17, Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind.

**Linda Kobzeff and Donald Payne,** June 21, Community Grace Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif.

**Denise Kay Baker and Craig Dwight Manges,** June 28, Everett Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa.

**Linda Joy Mayes and Harold Steven Dean,** July 4, Community Grace Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif. The ceremony was performed by Joy's father, Pastor John Mayes, and her grandfather, Dr. Charles W. Mayes.

**Ann Marie Mayes and Kenneth Ray Olson,** July 11, Community Grace Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif. The ceremony was performed by Annie's father, Pastor John Mayes, and her grandfather, Dr. Charles W. Mayes.

**Debra K. Leedy and Ron Brezler,** July 19, Calvary Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

**Laura Stonier Lohnes and Richard Carl Matteson,** Aug. 2, Community Grace Brethren Church, Whittier, Calif. The ceremony was performed by Richard's father, Dr. Earle E. Matteson, and Laura's uncle, Pastor Ward A. Miller.

• **Hagerstown, Md. (Grace).** The Grace Brethren Church has extended a call to Rev. Robert Dell to serve on the pastoral staff as Minister of Visitation. Pastor Dell formerly pastored the Rosemont Grace Brethren Church, Martinsburg, W. Va., just 20 miles from the Hagerstown church, so, in a sense, he will be "coming home." His ministry will begin approximately Sept. 1.

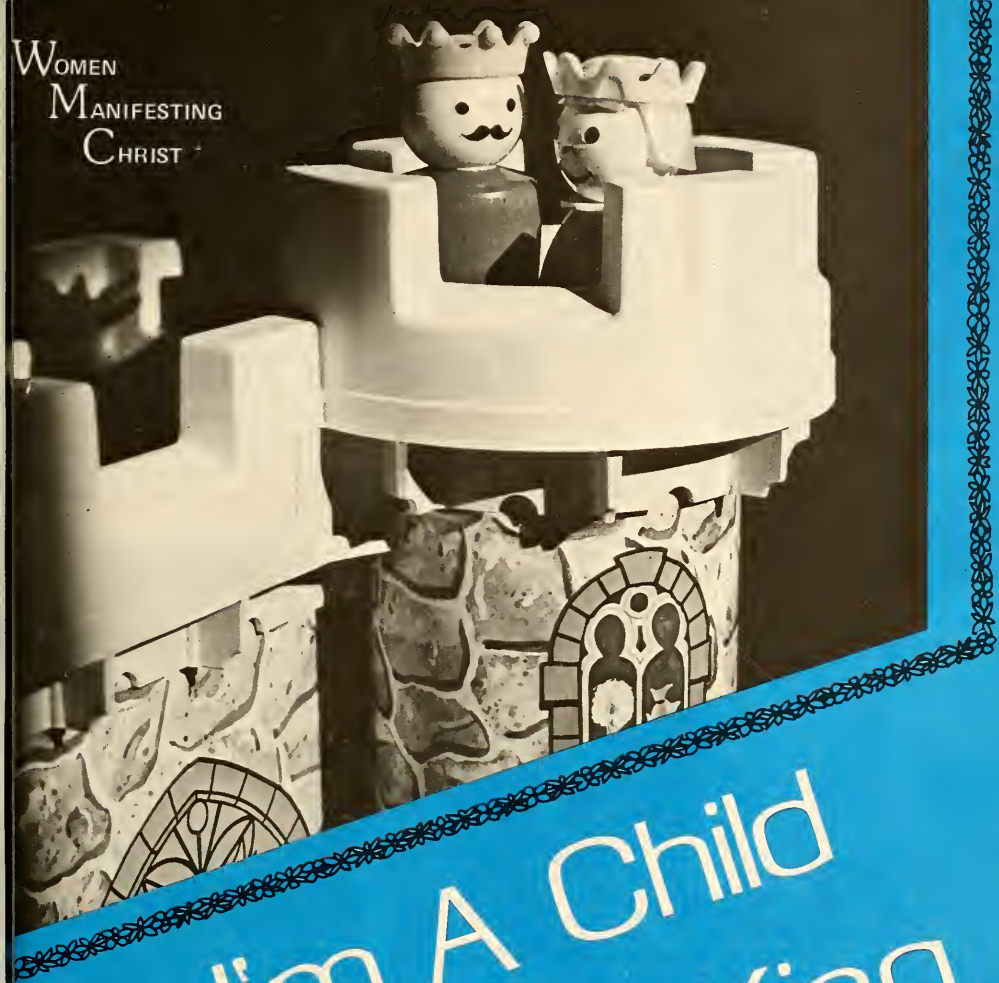
• **Dillsburg, Pa.** All mail for the Hope Grace Brethren Church should be addressed to P.O. Box 275, Dillsburg, Pa. 17019. The church's new location is one mile east on Old York Road.

• **New Men's Treasurer.** The newly elected treasurer of the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men is Roger Hancock. All gifts for the men's work should be sent to him at 6675 Worthington-Galena Rd., Worthington, Ohio 43085.

• **Bible found.** Following this year's national conference sessions at Winona Lake, a red Scofield Bible containing the inscription "To Shelley from Gary" was found in the Rodeheaver Auditorium. If the owner will drop a note to the Herald Co., the Bible will be mailed.



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I'm A Child  
Of The King  
In Yieldedness



By Mrs. Foster Tresise

The third child of the Ira Snowberger family, I was born December 14, 1910, in the small town of East Freedom, Pennsylvania. My four-year-old sister named me Marguerite. It was a Christian home, and I was only three weeks old, according to my mother's testimony, when she first took me to Sunday School and church—and that was in zero weather! When I was four we moved from East Freedom to a farm a few miles away. I really loved the wide-open spaces and enjoyed all the animals and the help I could be in taking care of them.

Four years later my father went to be with the Lord, and then we moved back to East Freedom. The years which followed were difficult ones for Mother as she tried to seek employment in order to provide for her family.

At the age of ten I heard the Gospel in church; I was convicted of sin and realizing what a sinner I was, that night I received the Lord Jesus as my Saviour. I was baptized and joined the Leamersville Church of the Brethren.

Eight years after my father's death, Mother remarried. My stepfather had four children of his own, and I was happy for more brothers and sisters. We had many fun-times together. After graduation from high school I was employed in various homes as a maid and I worked for a while in a restaurant. Later I again worked as a maid—this time in a doctor's home.

## Privileged in the "Paradise of the Pacific"

From the time when I was quite young I had had a desire to become a nurse. The desire persisted, and after working for almost three years in the doctor's home I sent my application for nurses training to a hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. I put the doctor's name on the application for reference. One day, after he had been contacted for the reference, he called me into his office and asked what my intentions were and if I really wanted to become a nurse. I told him that had been my desire for many years. He encouraged me to enter the hospital where he was on the staff. So I entered the Mercy Hospital, Altoona, Pennsylvania, in 1936 and graduated in 1939.

While I was in training, one of my patients was a young man from my hometown. He had a good friend, a handsome young man who came to visit him every day, bringing water from the hometown which he thoroughly enjoyed. This second young man, Foster Tresise, had been a high school classmate of mine. As he visited from time to time, we reminisced of school days. Eventually a romance developed and he became my husband on June 8, 1940.

Foster was employed on the Pennsylvania Turnpike at the time of our marriage, but a month later he lost his job. We went to Cleveland and found employment there. Soon we were encouraged to attend the Brethren church in Cleveland Heights, and there both my husband and I were brought close to the Lord. Those early years of our married life were blessed of God and momentous in our Christian experience.

My husband had accepted Christ when he was a small boy, but for years we had both gone our own way doing our own thing with no thought of the Lord or His will for our lives. After listening to His Word week after week,

we sought His forgiveness and experienced His cleansing through the power of His shed blood. It was in the Cleveland church that we had the joy of worshipping and serving the Lord from 1940 to 1944. Shortly, we offered our lives for full-time service, and after much waiting on the Lord for direction we enrolled in the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, and later graduated from that school.

Following graduation we felt led to take a pastorate. In 1952, while we were attending national conference at Winona Lake, Indiana, we heard of the work in Hawaii and of the need for workers there. We applied and were accepted, and on May 7, 1953, we flew to Hawaii. The work begun there by Sgt. and Mrs. Edwin Jones was developed, and today my husband is pastoring a lovely group of local Hawaiian people who are building a church to God's glory. We praise the Lord that He is providing a church in which we can have our worship services—after 15 years of meeting in our home.

I recall a highlight when one Sunday morning I saw four little girls walking up the street. I went out and talked with them and invited them into our patio. After I told them that Jesus loved them and died for them, they each accepted the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. I suggested that they go home and get ready for Sunday School. This they did, and they brought another sister with them. And that same Sunday evening they brought their older sister and said she would like to receive the Lord. And she did!

After 22 years of serving the Lord in Hawaii, I am still rejoicing in the blessed privilege of serving our Lord in the "Paradise of the Pacific." Though there have been times of testing, we do praise the Lord that we can have victory in Christ as we put our faith and trust in Him. We want to be His ambassadors in His place of appointment according to His will.

# WMC

## Get the Picture

**HOW TO & HOW NOT TO**—Participants in a skit demonstrating the contrast between a well-organized WMC group and the opposite situation drove the point home with much humor.



Mrs. Robert Griffith brings the annual president's message. (For complete text see September 1 issue of the Herald.)

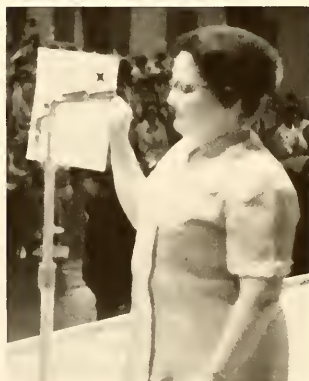


"I was refinishing the dresser . . . had to run to the store . . . noticed all the cars at the church . . . remembered WMC . . . I'm the leader . . . lucky my Bible was in the car."



"Didn't have time to give out parts. Millie, will you take the Bible study for today?"

"To help us understand our mission study a little better, I've prepared a large diagram of the floor plan at the mission."



"Since I haven't had time to go over this study, I'll just read it." (Groan)



Special music was provided by trio (l to r) Mrs. Dan Pacheco, Mrs. Charles Buriff and Mrs. Tom Miller.



# ...So Shall I Go

By Janet B. Anderson

As I look back upon my life I realize it was a lonely, empty life because I lived without God. I lived my life as though I were the master of it. I believed in a vague God and an even vaguer Jesus Christ, and I thought a good Christian was a person who revered life, morally, not spiritually.

My move to Orlando, Florida, in May of 1974 was the culmination of years of fast and wrong living. My personal life had shattered, my marriage to my second husband had crumbled. One well-meaning "friend" wrote to tell me it was "Shrink time, Baby." I felt completely and utterly alone and totally devastated.

The months of May through November were months of intense personal searching and questioning. I kept asking myself, "Why has my life become this way? Why am I so unhappy and dissatisfied? Why do I feel such a void in *me*?" During these months I gathered about me a few threads of living. I found a place to live, an apartment complex catering to the swinging singles. I found a place to work at an attorney's office. The salary was adequate, but I derived little personal satisfaction from the job. I signed up at a local junior college for a night course in Criminology while awaiting my acceptance at a four-year university.

The burgeoning emotions I placed upon myself continued to grow with each passing day and began to show themselves physically. I slept very poorly and looked exhausted. Tension increased between my shoulder blades as though I had tied the muscles into a screaming knot. Although my appetite was good, I was almost 10 pounds underweight. I suffered excruciating headaches and eyeaches. I rationalized to myself that these were symptoms of the "divorce syndrome" and would soon pass. But this was not to be.

Emotionally, I was a woman searching for a panacea to end the vast complexity of negative and guilty emotions I was experiencing toward the failure of my marriages and my life.

Spiritually, I was a vacuum—wandering hither and yon without purpose, without meaning.

It so happened that every day on my way to work I drove past a church. It was the Grace Brethren Church of Maitland, Florida. The church's design was simple; its steeple rose straight and tall from its foundation, somehow symbolizing to me the link the church bore to God. The grounds surrounding the church were nicely landscaped (but not extravagant). From these few observations I had the idea that perhaps the people of this church had values which stemmed from love and not wealthy ostentation. I often wondered what it would be like to attend this church. Every day I drove past the church, and every day the question was the same, "I wonder what this church is like?" Although I wasn't aware of it then, God was telling me to go to this church. I was aware, however, that I never experienced such a feeling when I drove past *other* churches, only this simple little church nestled on a corner lot.

the voice said. "You'll just have to come and find out for yourself."

"All right, I will," I replied and asked the times for worship services.

I dressed very carefully that Sunday morning. I hadn't been to church for 14 years, and I was frightened. I remember asking myself, "What if I cry?"

From the moment I entered the church I knew I had come "home"—that here was the focal point from which my life could begin again. It was a feeling which slowly descended upon me and for the first time in months I felt the tension, ever so slightly, easing from my body. That morning Pastor R. Paul Miller delivered the sermon. I have forgotten the text, but the message remains clear and, that is, when one has reached the end of his rope there is God and Jesus Christ to turn to for forgiveness, grace, salvation, and everlasting peace and love. At the end of the service when the congregation stood and sang the hymn, "Just As I Am," I felt my throat constrict with emotion and tears sting hotly behind my eyelids. I knew the time was coming when I must, for my salvation, seek forgiveness for my sins. And, oh, I had so many.

Following several Sundays' atten-

*"Spiritually, I was a vacuum . . ."*

I drove past the Grace Brethren Church of Maitland for five months before I attended my first service! I realize now that it wasn't curiosity which made me pick up my telephone one Saturday afternoon, dial the church number, and ask the voice at the other end what the church services were like. "I can't explain it to you,"

dance, during the moments of announcements of news items and welcoming of visitors, Pastor Paul would look at me and casually remark, "It's nice to see Jan Anderson here again." And it felt good to be there again. I was beginning to receive answers to many of my questions. I knew in my heart my search was just about over.

One particular Sunday, during the month of December, I returned from services feeling terribly burdened and unhappy. I walked restlessly about the apartment asking myself, "You're supposed to feel good, Jan. After all, you've just been to church, so why do you feel so badly?" I continued to pace restlessly about, sitting down, getting up, flipping magazine pages, turning the television on, then off. I was crying by this time and suddenly wailed, "Oh, Lord, I don't have any answers! Please help me!" I walked into the bedroom and knelt by the bed, pouring out my sins, how wrongfully I had been living for years and begged God, through His Son, Jesus Christ, to come into my heart and save me. Soon I stopped crying and a warmth flickered inside me and flowed throughout my body. I knew my prayer had been *heard and answered*.

My story could end here, but it doesn't. I met with Pastor Paul and talked with him about my private confession and asked what I needed to do to join the Grace Brethren Church. He answered my questions and gave me several booklets to read and study. On Easter Sunday I gave public confession of my trust in Christ and several Sundays later, I was baptized and accepted into the fellowship of the Grace Brethren Church.

Now is the beginning of my life. God directed my route to work so that I would pass this church. He knew Pastor Paul was the disciple through whom He could act to reach me. He knew these members' souls brimmed full of love and joy and warmth. It was through them that I realized the church is a spiritual house of worship and not a social function.

I sleep well now. The tension I experienced has gone and with it the headaches and eyeaches. I regained the 10 pounds I lost. The goals ahead of me are clear, for God is directing my way toward them. At times the way is hard, but I accept my circumstances through faith. For with Him, I am never alone.

Wherever God wishes me to go to use the gifts He gave me, so shall I go. Whatever obstacles or problems He places before me, so shall I trust in Him.

The end of my rope keeps growing longer and longer, and I've so much to grasp onto! Such wonder! Such joy! Such love!

## WMC

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## PSA INSIGHT

A computerized evaluated Sunday School report of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches

### AUGUST CONTEST WINNERS

| Div. | Church                           | Pastor          | Superintendent |
|------|----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
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| B    | Johnstown, Pa.<br>(Riverside)    | Don Rough       | LeRoy Spangler |
| C    | Dayton, Ohio<br>(Patterson Park) | Dale Kurtz      | Fred Orris     |
| D    | Lititz, Pa.                      | Jerry Young     | Jay Ruhl       |
| E    | Washington, Pa.                  | Shimer Darr     | D. Malone      |
| F    | Colorado Springs, Colo.          | Thomas Inman    | ----           |
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| J    | El Toro                          | Ron Graff       | ----           |
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RECORD ATTENDANCES: Santa Ana, Calif.—54; Canton, Ohio—203; Boswell, Pa.—70; Aiken, S. C.—23.

\*Average attendance of all reporting Sunday Schools\*—August, 1974—138; August, 1975—143.

\*Growth index based on 178 reporting churches:  
August, 1974 weekly average attendance—24,380

August, 1975 weekly average attendance—25,428

Net Gain in reporting churches—1,048 persons or up 4.3 percent

\*Summary  
90 churches registered increases totaling—2,052

82 churches registered losses totaling—1,004

Largest numerical increase—Columbus, Ohio (Worthington)

Largest percentage increase—Bethlehem, Pa.

\*The larger the number of reporting churches, the more accurately these figures will represent the church growth picture of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. We urge the total support of the churches of the NFBC in this computer-evaluated church growth analysis which is provided free of charge to churches of the Fellowship by the Christian Education Department.



**Levi Study Guide**  
1976 QUIZ QUESTIONS / BRETHREN BIBLE QUIZZING

### NEW QUIZ BOOK AVAILABLE

Levi Study Guide, the 1976 Brethren Bible Quiz question book, is now available from the Christian Education Department. This year's Bible quizzing will cover the Book of Matthew, written by the transformed tax collector, Levi. The book, priced at \$1.50, contains questions from each chapter of Levi's book which will aid in the study of the Gospel in preparation for quizzing.

It can be ordered from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

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## SWITCHBOARD NEWS AND VIEWS

"Up, Up and Away!" theme song from the 1975 Brethren National Youth Conference, is probably the "best-ever" theme for the annual youth gathering. The music, written by Prof. Dan Ogden of Grace College, is available in professionally printed sheet music form with piano accompaniment and guitar chords for 50c a copy by writing the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

The contemporary arrangement by Randy Kettering used at National Youth Conference is available on the cassette tape, "Sounds of the 1975 Brethren National Youth Conference."



"Up, Up and Away!: Sounds of the 1975 Brethren National Youth Conference"—a 60-minute cassette tape is being offered at the price of \$3.00.

The professional quality tape includes numbers by the conference choir and band, National Achievement Competition winners and both vocal and instrumental tracks of the theme song, "Up, Up and Away!" The tape will be available for quick delivery. Use the coupon or mail your request along with \$3.00 to the Christian Education Department.

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ copies of the cassette "Up, Up and Away!: Sounds of the 1975 Brethren National Youth Conference."

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The Christian Education Department is pleased to announce the old-timey, black and white, pre-"talkie" silent comedy, "We Need Help!" Designed to give you insight into the behind-the-scenes working of the Christian Education Department, the light look at our heavy ministries features the staff doing what they do (sort of). We'd like to give you the opportunity to share it with your group. Ideal for informal Brethren gatherings as well as informal church services, the film will be sent to you free of charge (note the hard-to-beat price). Comes complete with cassette tape piano sound track. Write the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

Also available for your use is a slide-tape presentation of the TIME Program (Training In Missionary Endeavor). This 8-minute audio-visual presentation can be obtained by writing the Christian Education Department at the above address.

# TIME Exposure: Argentina

"... we want to say a hearty 'thank you' for sending the TIME team. They were a blessing to us and to the churches. I feel they were a special group of young people which will be hard to duplicate. From their conversations and their performance, it was evident that they had received some good training and excellent advice."—*Argentina missionary*

"I want to thank you for all that the group did for our churches here. I hope that soon we can harvest some real triumphs in Christ. It did me much good to share with you the enthusiasm in Christ."—*Argentina national*

"It is nearly impossible to put into words the profound effect that an experience of this nature has on one's life. It is even difficult to identify all the things that one learns. . . . I love Argentina and I pray that God will hasten the way for my return to that

land. I learned that God can use even the weakest vessels for His glory, and I learned that whether or not I choose to be a part of God's work He will build His Church. Oh that God might see fit to let me be a part of this glorious ministry. Thank you, Christian Education Department, for your prayers and support."—*A TIME team member*

Members of the 1975 TIME team to Argentina were: Colleen Austin (Winona Lake, Ind.), Peggy Bechtel (Minerva, Ohio), Viki Cover (Ripon, Calif.), Mike Marshall (Peru, Ind.), Larry Robbins (Winona Lake, Ind.), and Peter Peer (Berne, Ind.), team leader. There were ten first-time decisions for the Lord during the ten weeks that the team was on the field.

See the article entitled "TIME Went to Argentina on page \_\_\_\_\_ for additional information.

# BRETHREN NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

*For the first time I felt like I could get it all together. It was a young teenage girl speaking. She had snagged some frustration attempting to manufacture a consistent life for Christ. But she found it modeled in the lives of people she respected at National Youth Conference.*

*I have never witnessed before . . . today I led someone to Christ. An experience not unique to one person, but carbon-copied in several lives from several states. They had heard a lot about witnessing from a lot of different people. They learned to witness at youth conference.*

*Today I asked Jesus into my heart. He was one of the real celebrations of this year's conference. Mike Baer, the conference chaplain and outreach director, introduced Steve to our evening meeting—about 800 of us. And Steve looked out over the crowd with the spotlights in his face and gave testimony of faith in Christ. He became a Christian that afternoon because Brethren teens involved in the conference outreach program shared their faith. It blew our minds. We praised God. It was good to have Steve on campus. He was one of the 200 who professed faith in Christ during the week.*

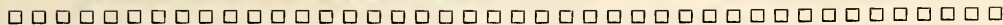


*Teens attending National Youth Conference were challenged all the way down to their sandals to walk like Christians. Forceful and contemporary messages were shared each evening by Pastor Jim Custer (above) on the rapture theme, "Up, Up and Away!" Pastor Sonny Thayer (right) brought Christ's claims down to where the older youth are living in his sessions each morning, while Evangelist Bill Smith enthusiastically presented God's Word to younger teens during the morning sessions.*





*Randy Kettering put together an exciting and dynamic musical program. In addition to directing the conference choir and a small instrumental ensemble and leading singing for the sessions, Randy also arranged the theme "Up, Up and Away!" which was written by Prof. Don Ogden of Grace College. Jerry Franks of the Grace College music department directed instrumental music and also found time to talk with teens individually. The West Penn District quiz team placed first in Brethren Bible Quizzing, after winning one of the closest final rounds of quizzing in recent years . . . the score: Northcentral Ohio—120, Western Pennsylvania—130.*



What is it that makes youth conference a spiritual high point for hundreds of teens each year? Is it the communion service? Or the dynamic music? Or the pointed Bible messages? Or the overall "love/accept" atmosphere that settles over the conference? I'm sure for different teens it's different aspects of the program. But it just has to make an impact for 800 teens and counselors to learn—as if learning together—that all of life can be holy. Even the meals and

the recreation and competition are in some sense spiritual. Every facet of that full program is dedicated to God as part of a total ministry-package intended to influence young lives for the glory of God. That's youth conference!

Next August we're going to southern California and we're going to gather with 1,000 teens to "Celebrate the Son!" We're asking God *now* for changed lives *then*!



# DISCIPLINE With LOVE

Christian Education Department  
**SWITCHBOARD**  
**IDEAS**

As a teacher or leader of children in Sunday School, you may have reached the point of exasperation with your group. How do you handle children who spend more time disrupting your class than cooperating? Some people immediately think of strict rules or some kind of punishment to inflict as "discipline." Actually, discipline is *not* what you do to a child. Rather, it is what you do with and for the child to indicate that you value him as an individual and want to strengthen his desires to be and to do his best. This positive approach to discipline *is* possible.

## Respect Your Children

Basic to effective teaching is an attitude of respect and acceptance for each child. Your attitude will set the mood for your class—a mood the children will reflect. If you trust your children, they generally will trust you. If your attitude is condescending or nonaccepting, your children will respond with a similar attitude toward you. If you yourself are eager to learn, concerned about the needs of your children, and happy to be with the group, your children will soon be reflecting similar feelings.

## Be Positive

The words you say and your tone of voice often determine the way children respond. So, to guide children effectively, you will want to use phrases that help you get the point across without alienating the child. For instance, say, "What we start we need to finish," instead of, "You have to finish your work." Other key phrases are "Please help us by . . ." "We need you to . . ." "You need to . . ." and "You may . . ." For example, when you ask, "Which activity do you want to do?" a child may reply, "None of them!" Answer him, "You may (or we need you to) do this activity." Help him know you expect him to make choices.

As soon as possible, identify the needs of your children. What kinds of homes do they come from? Do you know the parents? How is each child doing in school? Does he make friends easily? What is the child's attitude toward authority? What is his relationship to God? Keep a notebook with a section for each child. Jot down observations each week. Some children need attention so desperately that they will go to any length to get it. Pray for the children by name as you prepare for each session.

## Be Organized

Discipline problems often arise when the children sense the teacher is not prepared. Lavish your effort and time on preparation for Sunday. Then you can lavish interest and time on your children Sunday morning.

Plan your sessions with sufficient variety so that the children are not expected to be inactive for more than a few minutes at a time. Children have a great deal of energy you can channel into learning that will be fun and interesting. This includes those early minutes as children are arriving.

## Involve Children

Involve the children in the class experience by delegating responsibilities, such as setting up equipment, reading Scripture, handing out papers and supplies, writing on the chalkboard, and even presenting portions of the lesson. Phrases such as "Nice going," "Good for you," and "Keep up the good work" should become important phrases in the vocabulary of every leader of children.

## Evaluate

After each Sunday School session recall the situations that may have caused discipline problems. Keep the activities moving. A slow pace causes boredom. Boredom increases discipline problems. The teachers need to cooperate by bringing the classes promptly to the large group when the signal is given so the others will not have to wait.

## Set and Enforce Realistic Standards

Children will obey standards which are realistic and often are well able to contribute ideas for these standards. Children do not respect or obey the teacher who does not enforce his own rules. When you set a standard, make a mental or written note of it. But minimize the time and attention you spend correcting children. Remember that their misconduct is not a federal offense. Be quick to forgive. What correcting you must do should be done as privately as possible. To shame a child publicly before others can only have bad results: to give a child the attention he couldn't get by positive means—even though it be negative; or, to depreciate before

others the worth of a person whom God dearly loves.

You help a child respect authority as you consistently enforce realistic standards. Helping a child to obey is an important step in helping him choose to respect and to obey God. Be sure the child understands why these rules are important to the group as well as to you. Patiently and firmly insist on your standards. The child needs this security of knowing you are consistent. Help him know that you are in charge and that he can trust you to be fair.

**Ask Other Staff Members for Help**

Seek to deal with the child's need for help. But if your attempts do not succeed, alert your department leader before another Sunday goes by. You are not failing by asking for help. Rather, you are failing if you do not recognize your need for help and do not ask for it.

Involve other members of your department team to give you information and insights as they observe you with children. Make children with special needs a matter for prayer and discussion in your staff meetings.

**Communicate with Parents**

Keep in close touch with the parents of your children during the year. Plan several informal contacts with the parents, both on an individual family basis, and with families of the entire group. Picnics, hikes, parties and other informal get-togethers can do wonders for developing rapport among your families. Keep families informed about what your class is doing. Establish a support system in which you let the parents know that you are willing to help them in whatever ways you can.

**Above All, Love**

Remember, God's love for you does not depend on your good behavior! Don't allow your love for the children to depend on their good behavior! Love them as they are, and resolve to be the kind of leader Christ intended you to be—a wise teacher who makes learning a joy.

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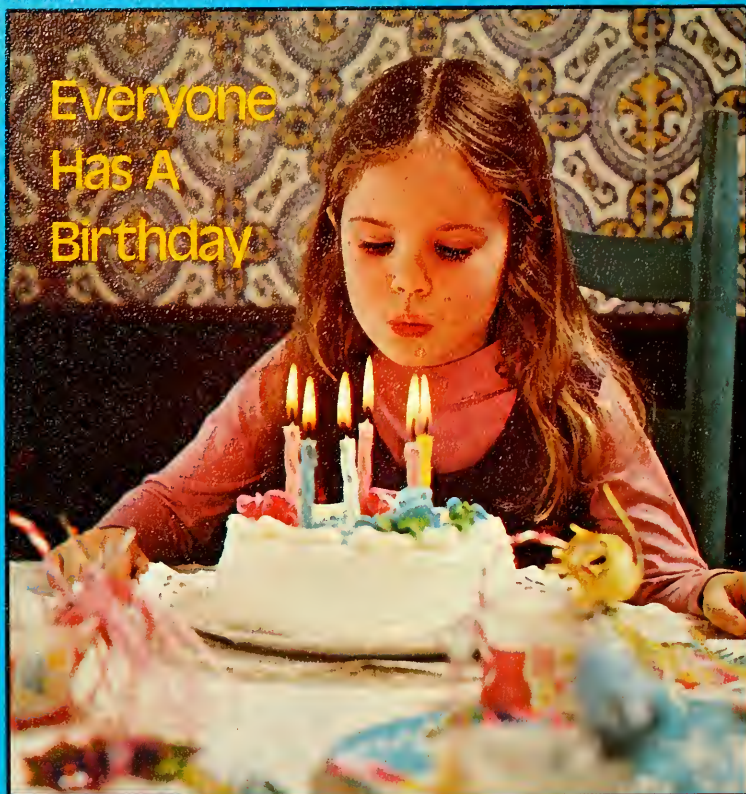
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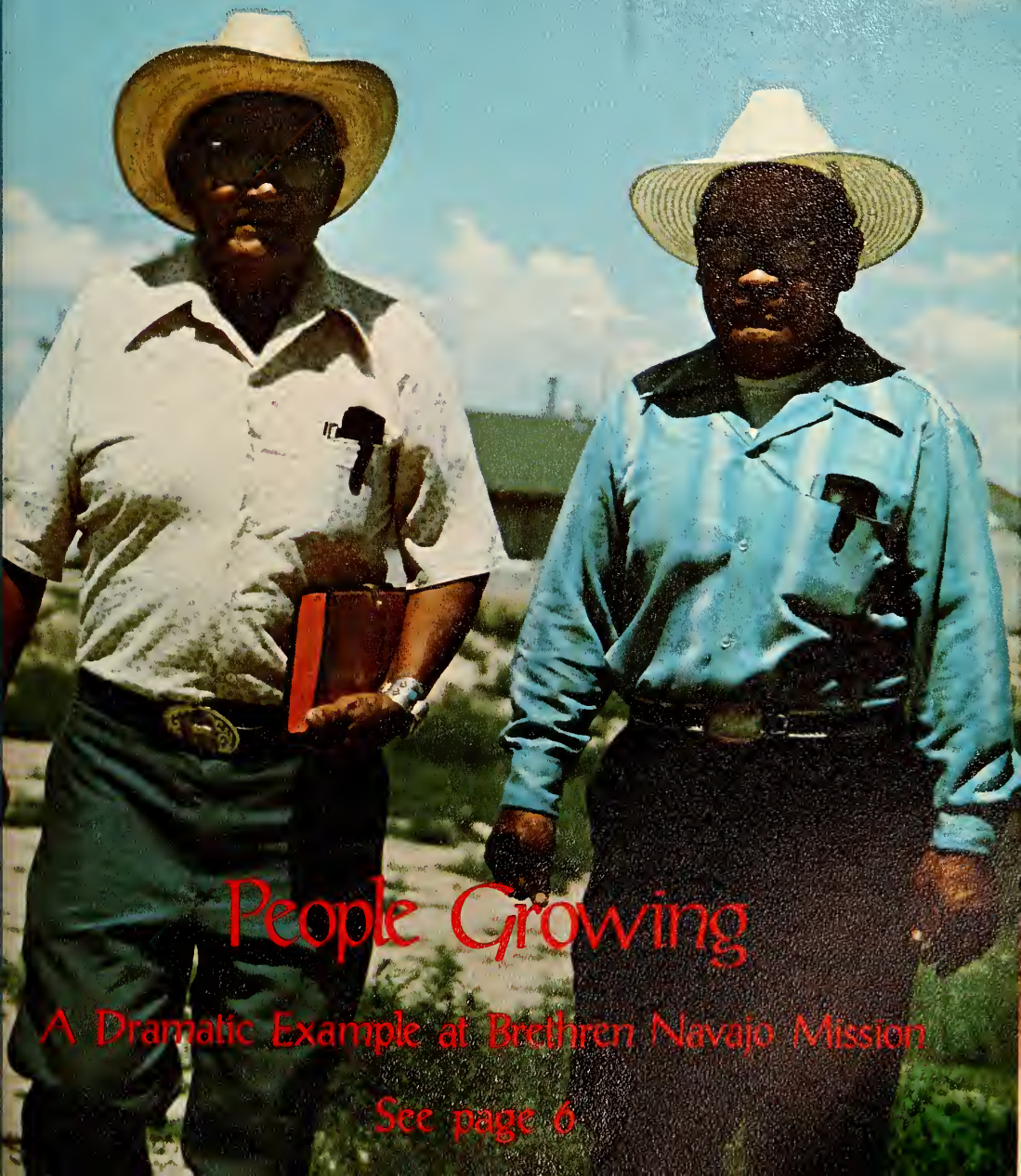
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## People Growing

A Dramatic Example at Brethren Navajo Mission

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Cover Photo: Mr. Ben Sala (right) found Christ after a tragic turn of events in his life. Rev. Lee Trujillo (left) had aided Ben's growth in the Christian life.

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Dear Reader,

You write to me so often it is only fair that I return your correspondence. I do appreciate all of the comments that come to me each week. I feel they are all sent in the spirit of aid and concern. We evaluate each letter and many of your suggestions are put to very good use. Keep them coming!

You will note a new feature in this issue of the *Herald*. It appears on page 23 and is entitled "Church Finance." It is written by Manfred Holck, Jr., who has experience in this important area. We trust you will enjoy the content and profit by this feature as it appears each month. Many of these articles will pertain to your immediate situation. Take the information that is of value to you and put it to good use.

One of my observations in pastoral experience as well as my present ministry at the Herald Company is that oftentimes church members—pastor and people—do not exercise good wisdom in financial matters. Frequently the witness of the church in a community is thwarted by unwise use of funds or nonpayment of bills. The Word of God has much to say about this matter of stewardship and attitudes toward the business affairs of God's people. These columns may be of some help to you. We feel certain you will not agree with all of the material presented, in fact we hope everyone does not.

This is another way of making the *Herald* magazine a practical instrument for the Fellowship. Read each of Mr. Holck's Church Finance pages and think them through for full value.

Thank you,  
Charles W. Turner, Editor

Address your letter to the editor, Rev. Charles W. Turner, Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. All letters must be signed, although names will not be used in the magazine.



# Have a Happy Day

A very cheerful clerk at a local market recently greeted me with those now famous words, "Have A Happy Day!" I was on my way with a smile because I appreciated her positive attitude. Friendliness and good service are not the most plenteous commodities these days, so one must accept these rare kind words with much gratitude.

As I returned to the parking lot and started the car, I was soon bombarded with the latest news: New York City is presently on the verge of bankruptcy (the commentator then proceeded to enumerate the dire consequences that would result from such an event), interest rates have started up again, the cost of living has jumped one and a half percent for the past month, and the Dow Jones just fell five more points. After the stock market report comes the weather. I just knew things were going to be better, but to cap off the newscast there were storm warnings in the area with the possibility of tornadoes! After those "glowing reports" the announcer said, "Listen to the station for further developments." I said to myself, "WHY?"

But the cheerful clerk with the kind smile just told me to "Have A Happy Day!" How can I have a happy day? After all, a little round smiley face is not enough to change the course of the world and solve all of the problems. Around me is a generation of people who are worried, confused and losing hope very rapidly. Questions about their future and their children's future are big issues, but the answers are not coming from Washington or that friendly fellow who smiled and promised so much just before the last election. The politicians cannot agree on much other than the fact they need to be reelected and retain their jobs. They probably do need to keep their jobs because it is hard to find their kind of work anywhere

else—at those salaries and benefits.

It all sounds like "Have A Happy Day!" is some type of cruel joke being flaunted in the faces of a desperate public. But no, there is *THE* reason for having a happy day. "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps. 118:24). This is not a new thought by any means. It was voiced in Old Jerusalem by a king. He had probably just received news from his advisers concerning the different areas of his kingdom, maybe even the

weather forecast—minus, of course, the satellite picture for the day. But it was not all

good news back then either, yet it was the day that the Lord had made.

David faced the same type of problems that we face today.

However, his eyes were not earthbound, they were directed heavenward. His heart did not despair with all the immediate circumstances of life, but rather he could see the hand of God at work in his particular world.

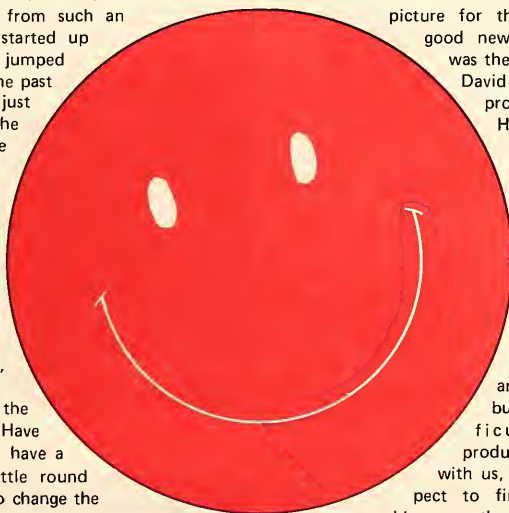
How we as Christian believers need a renewal and refocusing of our attention and priorities. Time changes but not circumstances and difficulties. Problems are a by-

product of sin and as long as sin is with us, they will be too. If you expect to find the answer to life and

problems on the purely human level you are

doomed to disappointment. This world has been cursed and will remain so until ultimate deliverance by God. You and I are here and it's about time we quit running around groaning about it.

We are here for a purpose and we have been entrusted with all of the resources to make life fulfilling and meaningful. To be regenerated by the grace of God and to seek to fulfill the truths of Scripture are what life is all about. Life can be full of joy and inner peace when we have God's life and endeavor to serve Him. Obedience to His will brings the happiness. The next time someone says, "Have A Happy Day!" reply with the answer, "I Most Certainly Will!"



*Reflections By Still Waters*

By Rev. Charles W. Turner, Editor



# Blazing a Trail to Saddleback Valley

By Pastor Ron Graff



Pastor and Mrs. Ron Graff and family

As the Los Angeles megalopolis continues its southward sprawl toward San Diego, one community after another is born to meet the ever-growing need for homes. One of the newest of these communities is "Beautiful Mission Viejo."

Promoted as "America's most successful planned community," Mission Viejo is actually one town surrounded by several other fast-growing communities straddling Interstate 5 a few miles north of San Clemente.

Several years ago, some of God's people began to pray that the Lord would place a Brethren church in this area called Saddleback Valley. God has answered their prayers by establishing a small but stable fellowship in Mission Viejo.

The work began in April of 1972 when Pastor Ron Graff and his wife, Barbara, felt the Lord's leading to begin a new fellowship in the area. Bob Ayala, a Christian folk singer, accompanied Pastor Graff on the 80-mile round trip to Saddleback Valley three times a week. They met people in public places and called on homes door to door, telling them about Jesus and learning what they could about the residents of the area. Pastor Graff began working full time in his father's construction company to support his family while the work was being started.

Although they knew nobody in the area at first, Robert Thompson, western field secretary of Brethren Home Missions, suggested that they visit Joe and Norma Williams in Mission Viejo. On the first visit to meet the Williams, Pastor Graff was told that their home, a luxurious two-story house, would be open for a Bible class.



A morning worship service in the attractive facilities of the Montevideo School in Mission Viejo.



Mrs. Graff teaches the children a Bible story in Sunday School.



The adult Sunday School class is taught by Mr. Bruce Whittaker.



Actually, the Lord had prepared this place nearly four years earlier. When the Williams first moved into their new home, they had dedicated it to the Lord's work and had even asked Him to use them in starting a church. Pastor Graff did not know about that until several months later. It was the first of many indications that the Lord did want His Church there and that He would build it as He promised.

Three Bible studies were meeting regularly by June of 1972: one for adults in the Williams's home; one for youth a few blocks away; and an afternoon youth class in the park at nearby Laguna Niguel.

During the summer the group began to solidify. Shortly after Bruce and Dorothy Whittaker moved into the area, they began to assist the Graffs in the spiritual oversight of the group. Ken Hines and Doug Swaggerty, two young men from Pastor Graff's Bible class at Brethren High School in Paramount, also assisted in the work.

Meeting in the Williams's home on January 7, 1973, 15 of those present signed the new charter for a Grace Brethren Church. They soon outgrew the Williams's home and began meeting in the Y.M.C.A. building in the adjoining community of El Toro. The group continued to emphasize home Bible study and fellowship groups as the basic building blocks of the church.

The group moved into its present facility, the Montevideo School in Mission Viejo, in September 1974. This school is an ideal facility for the present phase of the church's progress. Pastor Graff began cutting down his outside working hours and the church assumed more pastoral support. In April of 1975, the Southern California-Arizona District began partial support of the work.

The church became a member of the Brethren Home Missions Council family of churches in September of 1975. This assistance will enable Pastor Graff to assume full-time responsibilities in the work, and open the doors for the purchase of land.

More than 40 people have received Christ through the ministry of this infant church. Already, 30 people have been baptized—most of them in the Williams's pool. On a recent Sunday, attendance reached 72. *(Of that number, only two were children without a parent in attendance.)*

Please pray that the Lord will use this new Home Missions church to reach the exploding population in this strategic southern California area.





## People Growing

Growth is a natural process in the physical world. Normal plants, animals, and humans are expected to grow. Spiritual growth is the normal process for newborn Christians. Studying God's Word and fellowshiping with other Christians should produce spiritual maturity.

The very nature of the work of Brethren Home Missions provides contact with people in various stages of spiritual growth. One dramatic example is Mr. Ben Sala of Counselor, New Mexico. His testimony includes a tragic note, but another believer has been born. His growth is being aided by the Brethren Navajo Mission.

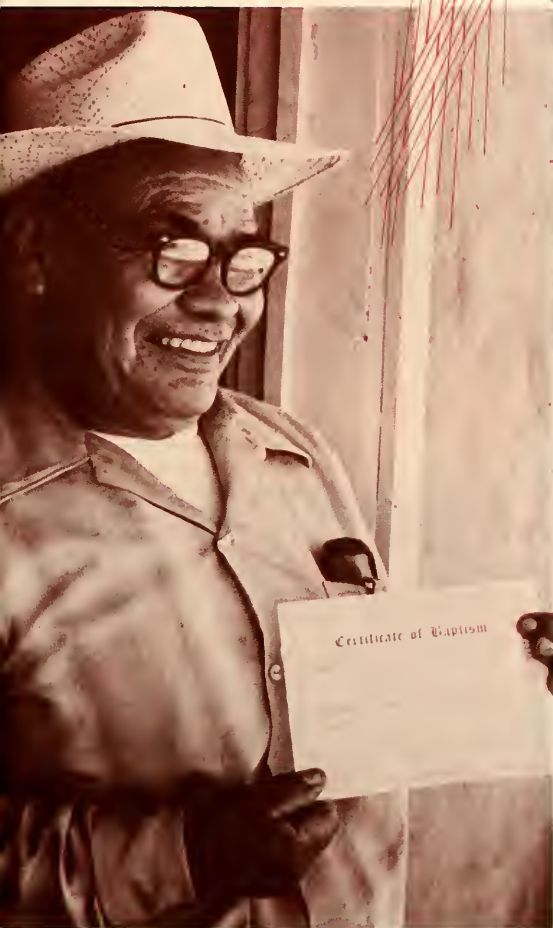
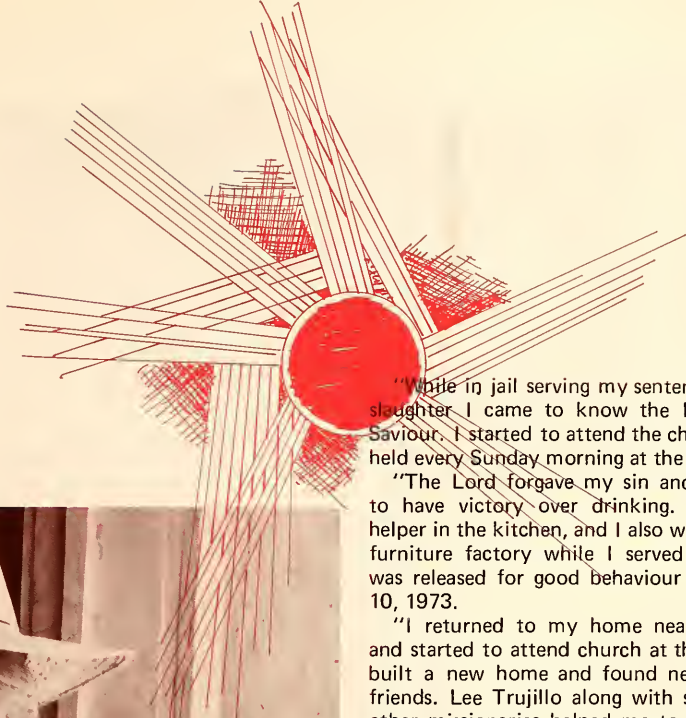
"My name is Ben Sala. I am a Navajo Indian. I live about 15 miles south of Counselor. I am now 62 years old.

"Up until December 19, 1971, I did not know the Lord. It was in October 1970 that something very bad happened in my life. In a drunken stupor I killed my wife and attempted to kill myself.

"On that occasion the missionary from the Brethren Navajo Mission played a part in saving my physical life by helping me get to the hospital though I was unconscious at the time.







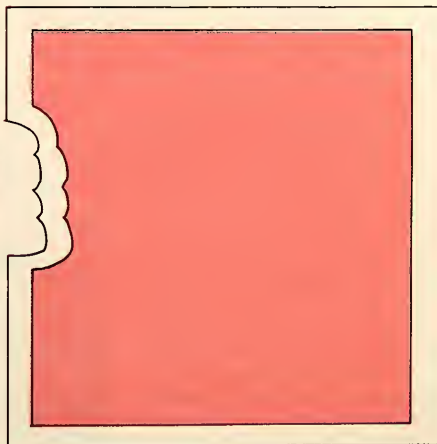
"While in jail serving my sentence for manslaughter I came to know the Lord as my Saviour. I started to attend the church service held every Sunday morning at the prison.

"The Lord forgave my sin and helped me to have victory over drinking. I became a helper in the kitchen, and I also worked in the furniture factory while I served my time. I was released for good behaviour on October 10, 1973.

"I returned to my home near Counselor and started to attend church at the Mission. I built a new home and found new Christian friends. Lee Trujillo along with some of the other missionaries helped me to grow in the Lord. On Sunday, April 6, 1975, I was baptized at the Brethren Navajo Mission.

"Today I am happy in the Lord and trying to serve Him. I gave my first testimony at the camp meeting held at my house in July 1975. Please pray for me that I will continue to grow in the Lord."

*(Home Missions Editor's Note: The testimony of Ben Sala is featured in "By These Presents"—the promotional slide tape being shown in churches this fall.*





L to R: Rev. John W. Mayes, vice president of The Brethren Home Missions Council Board of Directors; Rev. Donald Carter, interim pastor; Mr. Ken Shively, responsible for opening the church for the Grace Brethren; Rev. Richard P. DeArmedy, president of The Brethren Home Missions Council Board of Directors; and Rev. Edwin Cashman.

A joyous service of dedication for Pastor Kenneth Churchill took place on Sunday afternoon, September 7, 1975. Over 200 Brethren people and their friends from the southern California churches joined the local congregation to witness the installation ceremony for this young man of God. He assumed his duties as Under-shepherd of the Bible Brethren Church on September 1, 1975.

The local church has recently been accepted by The Brethren Home Missions Council, Inc., as a home mission point. The Southern California-Arizona District Conference of Brethren Churches will join the national board in providing counsel and financial support in a strong effort to assist the congregation in reestablishing itself in an aggressive spiritual ministry in this beautiful city.

The new pastor is the son of Jack and Miriam Churchill, veteran missionaries to Argentina and to Mexico under the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church. He is the grandson of Mrs. Loree Sickel of Long Beach, California, and the late Clarence Sickel, both of whom served as pioneer missionaries in Argentina under the same missionary society. After spending much of his youth in Argentina, Pastor Churchill returned to the United States and continued his education at John Brown University, Biola College and Talbot Theological Seminary. During the past four years he has served as assistant pastor of the Community Brethren Church of Whit-

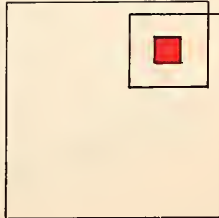
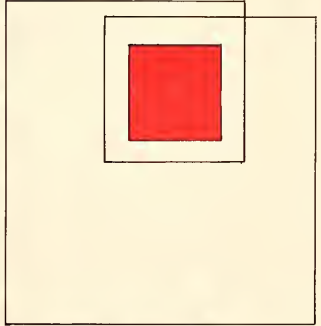
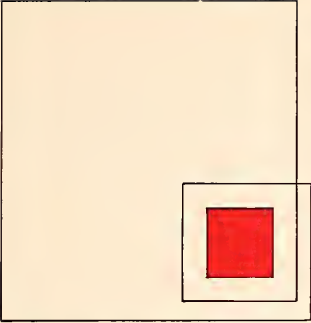
# Glendora Brethren Install a New Pastor

By Rev. Donald Carter

tier, California, under the leadership of Pastor John W. Mayes. He and his wife, Virginia, and their three children have taken up residence in Glendora and are beginning a full-time ministry in the local church.

The service included a sermon by Rev. Robert Thompson, representing The Brethren Home Missions Council, as well as several special numbers by musical groups from the Whittier Community Brethren Church and from the local congregation. At the close of the service Pastor John W. Mayes directed a very touching installation service for the new minister. He was assisted in the "laying on of hands" by Rev. Robert Thompson, western field secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council; Rev. Edwin E. Cashman, pastor of the Bellflower Brethren Church and moderator of the Southern California-Arizona District Conference of Brethren Churches; Rev. Richard P. DeArmedy, pastor of the Orange Grace Brethren Church; Mr. Kenneth Shively, chairman of the Deacon Board of the local church; and Rev. Donald F. Carter, interim pastor of the Glendora church. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Jack Churchill, father of the new pastor.

The ladies of the church prepared light refreshments for the enjoyment of all who attended. A wonderful time of fellowship was enjoyed. The Bible Brethren Church is located at 400 North Glendora Avenue, Glendora, California 91740.





# A Minute With Brethren Minute-Men

By Tim Rager

"Just a minute," the small boy answers his mother as he tries to catch the last five minutes of his favorite television program before supper.

"We have up-to-the-minute film coverage of the fire," says the evening news commentator, referring to some taken hours before.

What abuses that word *minute* receives. It is misapplied to everything from seconds to hours. Rarely does anyone check his watch to determine the promptness of a friend who has just called out, "I'll be there in a minute!"

The term was not always misused, however. In the early 1700s minute meant minute! During the American Revolution, a band of men prided themselves in being called "minute men." They were prepared for battle "on a minute's notice."

Two hundred years have passed since then, but there are still minute men around—Brethren Minute-Men. For over 25 years they have been prepared to respond on a minute's notice to the emergency needs of new Brethren Home Mission points.

It was May 2, 1948, that Dr. L. L. Grubb, then executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, presented his "minute-man" idea to the executive committee of the board of directors. The object was to have Brethren laymen send in \$1.00 each when appeals were made to help meet emergency needs in the Home Missions work.

The recommendation was approved by the board and soon the first minute-man appeal was formulated. Being given serious consideration at the time was the purchase of the property now housing the Brethren Navajo Mission and boarding school. Raising the funds to aid in this purchase became the initial minute-man appeal.

The response of \$4,440.13 exceeded the goal of \$1.00 per letter, since only 4,000 letters were mailed out. The program was off to a flying start.

The format of minute-man letters has undergone several changes over the years. The first appeared simply as a letter featuring the slogan, "Be a Brethren Minute-Man for Christ." Pic-

The second Minute-Man appeal was for Johnson City, Tennessee. The appearance of early appeals was a simple letter style.

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Dear Brethren,

The 1960 challenge  
needed to help him

Sao Bernardino County is one of the fastest growing areas in Southern California. The home-estate church at San Bernardino-leavened this project. Rev. Arthur Carey Doud of Southern Cal. to conduct the initial meetings. Mr. Arthur Carey Doud is large, fast-growing area. Immediate help.

In December the Elito Pioneers set a new record by purchasing a new building for the Junior Sunday School. The building is a new one-story building with a large auditorium. A building of this kind is not to be found in any other section of the city. Now they need our help.

Rev. Gerald Folman and family, pioneer home missionaries, have accepted this challenge and have moved to the field. They began their full-time ministry January 1, 1960.

Stethren Minute-Men of 1960, the envelope enclosed, present a gift, and will indeed, present a church in and God's, pray

Stethren Minute-Men of 1940, here is your opportunity! Take the envelope enclosed, pray about this urgent need, enclose your gift, and mail today. We are counting on you to help build the church in Risla.

Yours for souls.  
L. L. Grubb

tures relating to the particular appeal, and artwork of a minute-man from the Revolution appeared regularly.

Later appeals were printed on both sides using additional pictures for more graphic variety. Page size varied a few times making each letter even more distinct from the others.

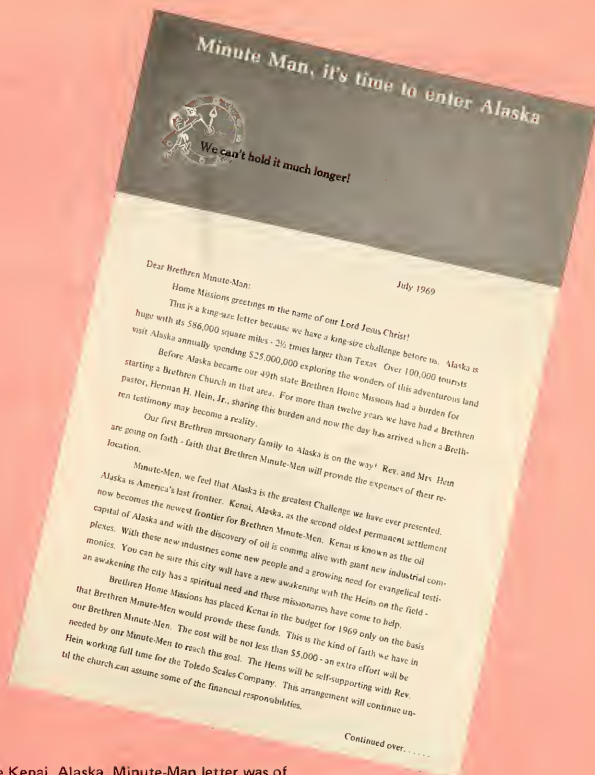
A change in the standard artwork appeared on the January, 1960, letter for Rialto, California. Replacing the minute-man was a sketch of a town crier delivering his message. This has remained through the current letters.

History of the Minute-Man letter records 50 appeals over the 27 years. The greatest response was \$8,625.34 for Kenai, Alaska, in 1969.

The latest appeal for Hope, New Jersey, has raised over \$5,100 for that need. Minute-Man letter number 51 will seek aid for the new home mission work in Aiken, South Carolina. A goal of \$5,100 has been set for that return.

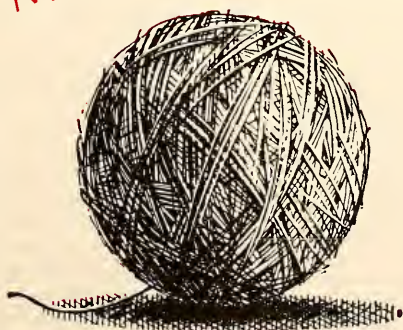
That brings us right "up to the minute" on the Brethren Minute-Man appeal. It is clear that this program has been successful in helping to meet emergency needs of home mission points. The total raised through the appeals reaches the \$200,000 mark.

Truly there are Brethren Minute-Men prepared to respond "on a minute's notice" to the needs in expanding the Lord's work. The call remains open, however, for more volunteers to join this unique band.



The Kenai, Alaska, Minute-Man letter was of a larger format and recorded the largest response.

You Will Have to Save More Than String to "Wind Up" with Financial Security



The answer is a *regular* BIF savings plan that pays 5¼% interest on a "*regular*" quarterly basis. You will end up with a "Bank Roll" instead of a "Twine Ball" and your savings will be serving the Lord!!

Write:

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# BMA NEWS SUMMARY BMA

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

• **Modesto, Calif.** Pastor Allen Herr has accepted a call to the Greenwood Grace Brethren Church and he will begin his ministries there on November 1, 1975. Please send all mail to him at the church address, 605 Standiford Rd., Modesto, Calif. 95350.

• **Sunday School schedule.** Listed below are the Bible books which will be covered in the Brethren adult study guide series for the next five quarters:

Dec. '75, Jan. and Feb. '76—Philippians  
March, April, May '76—Proverbs  
June, July, August '76—Galatians  
Sept.-Oct.-Nov. '76—I and II Timothy  
Dec. '76, Jan. and Feb. '77—Ephesians

The Brethren Missionary Herald Co. will be continuing the policy of offering the study guides at half price for church quantity orders, during the quarter of study.

• **The Faith Once for All Delivered Unto the Saints**, a book by the late L. S. Bauman, is being reprinted by the Herald Co. It is currently in production, and copies will be ready for distribution Feb. 1 or before. The book will be priced at \$1.95 each, and churches ordering 50 copies or more will receive the special price of \$1.75 each. Place your order with the Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

• **Important Notice.** In accordance with action taken by the delegates of the 1975 national conference, distribution of future issues of the *Brethren Annual* will be as follows: Three copies to each Brethren church, one copy to each Brethren minister, and one copy to each *Missionary Herald* subscriber who requests it. (Note: some churches have requested more than three copies, and the Herald Co. will honor these standing orders.) Those *Herald* subscribers who would like a copy should drop a note to the Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. A sufficient number will be printed to assure an adequate supply for everyone needing a copy. The 1976 *Annual* will be ready for distribution December 1, 1975.

• **Kettering, Ohio.** We, here at the Calvary Brethren Church, have many reasons right at this time for which to rejoice. We planned Feb. 1, 1975, to increase our membership during this year by 20 percent. Sunday evening, Sept. 7, we reached that goal. A great day took place in our church on Oct. 12. In the morning we had Rally Day for both the Sunday School and worship hour. It was followed by a carry-in dinner with a Homecoming and Mortgage burning service at 2:00. We praise the Lord for all He has made possible for us. Percy Miller, pastor.

## Wedding Bells

A six-month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to new subscribers whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Sheryl Patterson and Richard Coburn, July 18. The wedding ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Rev. William Patterson, and assisted by the groom's father, Rev. Frank Coburn.

Susan Grass and Lynn Holman, Aug. 2, Community Brethren Church, Los Angeles, Calif.

Elizabeth Mowles and Philip Lackey, Aug. 9, Patterson Memorial Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

Susan Suter and David Griffith, Aug. 9, Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Scott Weaver and assisted by David's father, Rev. Robert Griffith.

Linda Schmid and John Badger, Aug. 10, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio.

Marian Brashear and Bernard Shaffer, Aug. 12, Mill Run Grace Brethren Church, Westernport, Md.

Donna Mays and Kevin Legge, Aug. 16, Patterson Memorial Brethren Church, Roanoke, Va.

Geraldine Louise Russell and Timmie Lee Angelo, Aug. 16, Grace Brethren Church, Everett, Pa.

"Exciting plans  
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## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**GRAY, Jean W.**, 74, Aug. 13. She was the widow of Rev. William Gray—long time Brethren pastor.

**JUCHUM, Michael**, 77, Aug. 30. He was a member of the West Homer Brethren Church for 26 years. Robert Holmes, pastor.

• **Whittier, Calif. (EP).** The discoveries of modern science have brought mankind to the opening words of the Bible, say the producers of a new Moody Institute of Science Film titled, "In the Beginning . . . God."

"The farther out into space we look, the further back in time we go," observes Robert Miller, director of photography for the film, a vehicle designed to document the advances in scientific understanding of the universe through the use of radio astronomy.



• **"In God We Trust."** In a day when national heroes have become suspect and many American traditions discarded as threadbare, the Ken Anderson Films organization suggests another option. The statement occurs in a feature motion picture entitled, *In God We Trust*.

Through the experiences of a conservative senator badly beaten at the polls by his liberal opponent, *In God We Trust* reexamines America's early beginnings. "Christianity and patriotism aren't necessarily synonymous," the ex-senator says, "but they certainly can be compatible!"

Together with his two grandsons, the defeated politician takes a close look at American memorabilia. They visit the traditional shrines of our nation's early history, examining documents which attest to Biblical faith in the lives of multitudes of the founding fathers. As they travel, the group picks up a hitchhiker. Highly dubious of the senator's opinions, he provides a sprightly catalyst for the patriotic pilgrimage.

If your church is interested in showing this film, please contact the Missionary Herald Co. Write us at Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590, or phone for fast service—area 219/267-7158.



• **San Francisco, Calif.** Chap. and Mrs. Lee D. Burris (pictured above) are being congratulated on the occasion of their 25th Wedding Anniversary at a surprise party given by their chapel and friends. Chap. Burris is stationed on the Presidio, San Francisco, Calif.

• **Camera Found.** During national conference, a Kodak Instamatic 104 camera was left in Mrs. Naomi Henning's car. The owner can claim it by writing to the Missionary Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590, and we will place it in the mail.



### PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Englewood, Ohio. Oct. 13-19. Gerald Polman, pastor; Dean Fetterhoff, speaker.

Grafton, W. Va. Oct. 19-24. Paul L. Mohler, pastor; Allen Herr, speaker.

Fort Wayne, Ind. (First). Oct. 26. Galen Lingenfelter, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker.

Altoona, Pa. (First). Oct. 26-31. Marvin Meeker, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

Ashland, Ohio (Southview). Nov. 2-7. Charles Martin, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

Wooster, Ohio. Nov. 2-7. Kenneth Ashman, pastor; Nathan M. Meyer, speaker.

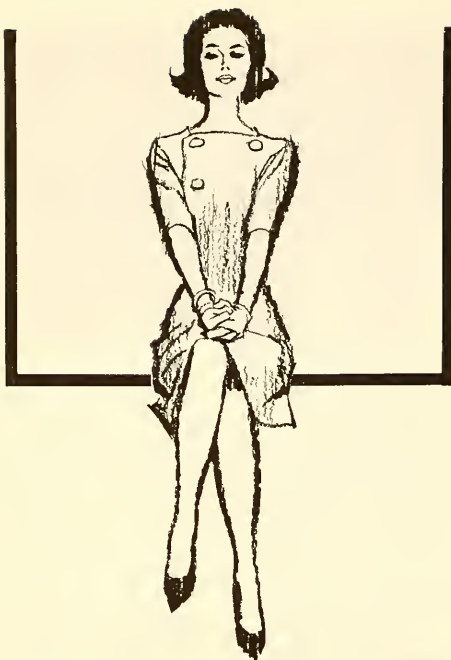
Vandalia, Ohio. Nov. 2-9. Everett Caes, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker.



• **Seal Beach, Calif.** Not only does Mike Ryan pursue a career in football, but he also serves as assistant pastor at our Seal Beach Grace Brethren Church. After the Sun vs. Memphis game (played before 36,000 fans), the *Tustin News* ran a 2-page article on how he combines these two careers. The 6-2, 255 lb. offensive guard, a former USC Trojan on the 1972 national champion team, has only been in the ministry a couple of years. He was taken by the Oakland Raiders in the draft, but let it be known beforehand he would pursue the ministry and decline pro ball. "I wrote the Raiders," he recalls, and said "thanks, but I've been drafted by God's team."

Last spring Mike was approached by the Sun, and after assurances he could continue his church duties, and after working out a schedule with the church and the team, he took a one-year contract. His duties as assistant pastor include counseling, administrative work, and preaching.

"I like to deal with people as people. I look at football as another aspect—an extension of my ministry."



## The WMC

ladies have been making headlines for years . . .

## NOW They Are Helping to Make Headlines at the Herald Company!!!

A special word of "Thanks" to the national WMC for a project gift to the Herald Company. The WMC gave over \$1,100 to help us purchase a new machine to make headlines for the *Herald* magazine and other printed material at BMH Printing. This special consideration on their part will improve the quality of our printed materials.

Thanks WMC,  
*The Staff at the Herald Company*

## Mens Work On The Move!

Greetings Grace Brethren Men,

Praise the Lord for our best year yet! An increasing number of men are responding to the burden for our boys work and other mens ministries.

We praise the Lord that our Brethren boys work is off and running. We now have printed books and a full-time director, Jack Cline. With 14 strong units in operation this first year, we are planning to assist many more to get involved during the coming year.

The goals of our National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men are being achieved and we are thanking the Lord for His help. At this year's national conference we evidenced a great unity when 170 pastors and laymen arrived on Monday morning at 7:00 a.m. to pray. As we move shoulder to shoulder we are going to see great things done for the Lord!

At national conference a total of \$1,500 was contributed to our boys ministry. We say thank you, and praise the Lord!

Our total income for this past fiscal year was \$21,889.18. This is more than any previous year. We excitedly look forward to increasing our ministry to men and boys as the Lord leads.

Continue your support, men, in order that the Lord may bless and expand our ministry.

See you at national conference in California next year.

—Lyle W. Marvin, Jr.  
President of National Fellowship  
Grace Brethren Men

## MEET ROGER HANCOCK



Roger Hancock has worked diligently in the planning and development of our boys ministry. Not only is he a member of the "Boys Committee," but he has also been involved in our men's training program and has improved our literature materials. He is currently working on several new pilot studies for use with different age groups of boys.

Roger is employed by the Columbia Gas Company. He and his wife, Norma, and their four children live in Westerville, Ohio, and attend our Grace Brethren Church in Columbus, Ohio.

We are praising the Lord that we now have 14 solid units of boys groups—5 of which Roger has been instrumental in starting. The Lord is honoring our prayers as we are seeing boys developing into young men who are strong in the Lord.

Remember—we still need your support. You can send your gift through your local church to the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men or directly to our new national treasurer, Roger Hancock, 6675 Worthington-Galena Rd., Worthington, Ohio 43085.—Jack Cline

# LANCER PREVIEW

When a coach loses the top three scorers, including an All-American center, he has his work cut out for him. This is exactly what Phil Hoskins faces in his first year as head basketball coach of the Grace College Lancers. Coach Hoskins is cautiously optimistic when speaking of this season's squad for the fact that the team in general has good shooters with fine mobility. Lack of overall size is the one area of major concern to the coach and for this reason he is reluctant to make any far-reaching predictions.

His first task will be to fill the vacancy left by All-American Ed Miller who for four years led the Lancers in scoring and rebounding. To fill this tough position Hoskins is keying on 6-8 sophomore Matt Tomscheck, all-star center from Michigan City, Indiana, to supply the loss of height underneath the rim. Playing in the shadows of Miller last season made it difficult for Tomscheck to demonstrate his full potential, but on occasions the "Big T" showed he could withstand the demanding play of college ball.

Bob Burns, 6-6 senior from Meyersdale, Pennsylvania, is one of two returning starters from last season's 18-11 squad. With his versatility as both a rebounder and a scorer, he could give Grace the offensive strength under the basket needed for a winning year. The other returning starter is Roger Haeck, a high school standout from the Plymouth, Indiana, 1973 regional championship team. Last season Roger's scrappy play on defense opened up many opportunities for the Lancer offense.

Phil Wickstrom, 6-5 sophomore from Warsaw, Indiana, and Brent Wilcoxson, 6-6 sophomore from Fowler, Indiana, will both move up from junior varsity this season in a supporting role at post position. Wickstrom is an excellent shooter and Wilcoxson will provide a lot of muscle under the boards.

The Lancers should be deeper at guard position this year with the addition of three fine athletes plus the

Phil Hoskins, head basketball coach and acting athletic director, confers with new assistant coach, Jim Kessler (standing). Kessler, a 1970 graduate of Grace College, will also be the assistant track coach and is an instructor in physical education. (Photo by Doug Conrad)



By Gary Woolman  
Sports Publicity Writer

return of two fine experienced guards. Early last season point guard Greg Huston, a senior from Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, broke his wrist but when he returned to action he immediately became the quarterback of the team and gave the squad the cool floor direction. In addition the return of junior Steve Nelson, a native of Auburn, Indiana, has developed into both a fine shooter and a floor general which will add experience to an otherwise young but talented backcourt.

The new prospects include Doug Noll, a transfer from the University of Wyoming, who in his senior year of high school was the fifth leading scorer in Indiana averaging 29.5 points per game. Last season Doug Lee led North Central High of Indianapolis through the sectionals, where he was named to the all-sectional team, and into the finals of the regional along with being voted to the all-regional team. Terry Day from Whitko at South Whitley, Indiana, averaged 21

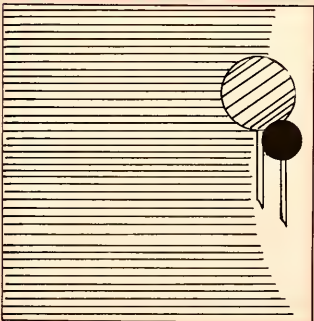
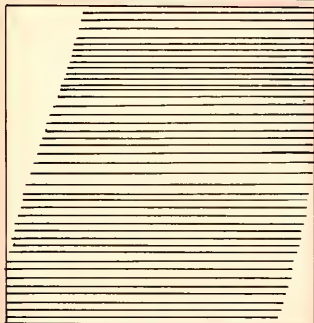
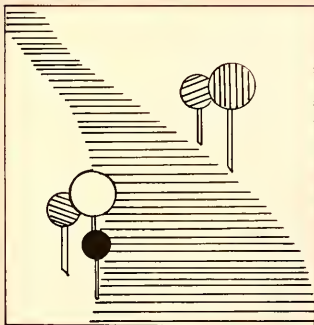
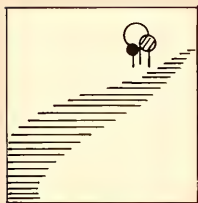
points per game during his senior year, along with shooting 88.1 percent from the free throw line.

During the season the Lancers will play in the Grace College Eight Team Turkey Classic, the Taylor Tournament, and the National Christian College Athletic Association National Tournament. In January, the Grace cage team will travel to Pennsylvania and Virginia. Participants in the Turkey Classic will include the following colleges: Bethel, Bryan, Cedarville, Grace, Manchester, Greenville, Anderson, and Olivet Nazarene.

At 28 years of age Phil Hoskins takes over the helm as acting athletic director and head basketball coach after three years of being assistant basketball mentor and physical education director. Coach Hoskins is both a scholar and an athlete as evidenced by his past record. Following graduation from Argos, Indiana, High School in 1964, where he was named salutatorian of his senior class, Hoskins went to Manchester College where he went on to receive 10 letters in three different sports.



# IF THE ROAD IS FLOWERY ...



By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt

A great French thinker counseled as follows: "If the road is flowery, follow it; and don't ask where it leads." Such is the philosophy of many today, and the road they are following leads to destruction. Because people of all ages have been disposed to listen to fair speeches and pleasant words, the false prophets in Israel spoke messages which they knew the people would welcome. The true prophets spoke the message of the Lord which foretold the coming of judgment upon them because of their sins, unless they repented. And they slew the prophets of God.

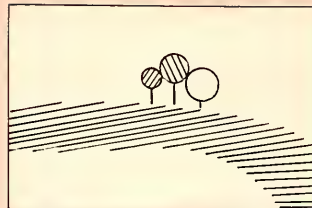
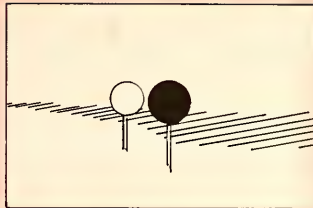
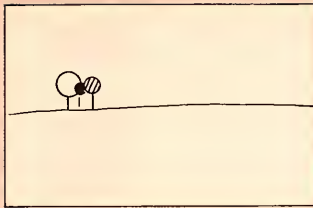
It is not easy today to proclaim the whole counsel of God, and especially that portion which points to the judgments upon mankind in the end of the age. Much less do they want to admit that the days in which we are now living are very possibly the closing days of the age. People want to believe that the endtime is far in the future, far beyond the lifetime of this generation of people. It will be a generation thinking like this which will be living when Christ comes. They will be saying "peace and safety." Then sudden destruction will come upon them as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape (cf. 1 Thess. 5:3).

No matter what people want to think and to hear, there is every evidence that a whole series of developments are converging upon our times. These strongly suggest that the coming of Christ is not far away. Developments in the ecclesiastical realm, in the political area, on the international scene, in the area of moral and spiritual conditions, in the financial economy of the world, in the philosophical thinking of mankind, these and many, many more point to unusual developments. These developments fit the facts of predictive prophecy, and they call for a new alertness, and a new urgency to display steadfastness of faith and holiness of walk.

## WHAT ABOUT ISRAEL?

Right now new developments on the international horizon suggest that a peace is about to be concluded between Israel and Egypt mediated by the United States. By the time this paragraph is read the scenes may be completely changed. We shall then know whether the news commentators and our governmental official were actually telling us the truth or attempting to paint a mirage on the horizon. At this moment Mr. Kissinger is mounting his plane for Israel. However, many of the people in Israel are opposed to the projected plans for peace. They fear that Israel is selling itself into an irrecoverable situation, a situation that may lay the nation open to attack and perhaps destruction. Even Egypt displays reluctance to enter into an agreement that could possibly result in disaster. Because the Palestinians want their share, and no arrangements are being made to include them, wild demonstrations are even now in progress.

Can this mean that there will be anything other than an armed truce? Is it possible that the negotiations will consist of a mere sham and pretense for the moment with nothing to guarantee any lasting effects? Predictive prophecy would lead the sober thinker to this conclusion. Predictive prophecy makes it very clear that Israel as a state may expect a short period of relative peace, followed by persecution and near annihilation just before the coming of the Lord to establish His kingdom in the earth. Does not all this mean that the present unstable situation will move back and forth and up and down until that man appears on the scene who will be sufficiently capable of attracting the confidence of Israel and the world? That man is the antichrist. Under his leadership a confederacy of 10 states in western and southern Europe will come together to constitute over broad outlines a revival of the old Roman Empire.



## BUT WHAT ABOUT THE CHURCH?

Can any of these things reach full culmination so long as the Church is in the world? That is a question being widely pondered by conservative theologians and Christian people who hold a conservative approach to the Scriptures. The developments of our time have revived new interest in the prophetic Scriptures, and with this revival of interest there has developed a new interest concerning the Church in relation to these times.

As a result of new interest in prophecy, new research is being made into the subject of the Rapture of the Church. There are some who insist that the Church will be called upon to endure all the suffering of that intense period of tribulation just before Christ's coming to set up His kingdom in the earth. If this be the case, then God's people need to brace themselves for suffering such as the world has never seen (cf. Matt. 24:21-22). It will be a period when far more than half the population of the earth will experience death, and all will go through persecution, famine, and hardship that exceeds the imagination.

But there are others who believe the Scriptures teach something else for the Church. This writer is among them. It is my conviction that the Scriptures teach that at any time the Lord may come in the air and snatch away His Bride, the Church, and take her to be with Himself in the heavens during this perilous period in the earth (cf. Rev. 3:10; I Thess. 4:13-18). Believing that this is the clear and valid teaching of the Scriptures, then all that is taking place in the earth today ought to give a new sense of encouragement to Christians inasmuch as Christ may come for them at any moment. This, indeed, is a blessed hope (cf. Titus 2:13).

## DOES THIS TRUTH HAVE IMPLICATION?

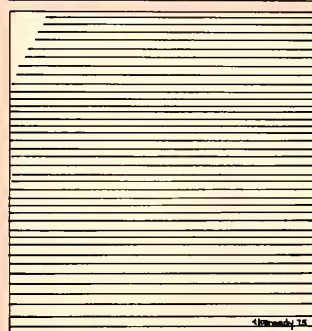
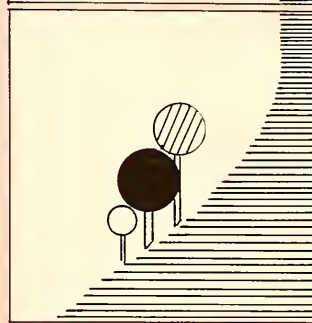
The truths of the Scriptures are always attached to practical implications. Doctrine always leads to duty. In fact, the whole teaching of prophecy was given for the purpose of producing a moral effect in the people of God. Here are some passages that are clear.

*Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness (II Peter 3:11).*

*Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless (II Peter 3:14).*

*Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever. Amen (II Peter 3:17-18).*

Since the coming of Christ for the Church is imminent, certain things are laid upon the people of God as obligations. This hope is purifying in its effect upon God's people (cf. I John 3:2-3). It is at His coming that the great work of salvation will be completed and we shall be like Him. This is reason for Christians to be constantly purifying themselves. This hope also ministers comfort (cf. I Thess. 4:18). Sorrows of one sort and another crowd into the life of every believer in this present life. But at His coming sorrow and sighing shall be done away. This is reason for believers to look forward with courage and let that new courage fill their lives now. This hope is evangelistic in effect (cf. I Thess. 2:19-20). New enthusiasm ought to characterize the lives of believers as they contemplate Christ's coming for the Church. This is the time of harvest, a harvest that could be brought to completion at any moment. This being true, every effort should be made to



reach as many as possible for Christ. Every effort should be made to train leaders to reach people. Moreover, this hope has a stimulating effect (cf. I Thess. 5:11). The very fact that the time of Christ's coming for the Church may be very near, is more reason than ever for renewed energy and dedication to every facet of service for the Lord. Separation from the world and separation to the Lord is the watchword for today.

*But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference: and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh (Jude 20-23).*

# CELEBRATION

The Bicentennial Committee of Grace Schools headed by Professor R. Wayne Snider has just completed an events schedule for the 1975-76 school year in keeping with the Bicentennial Celebration of the United States.

The theme for the year is "In God We Trust" and the hymn chosen is "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand." The year verse is "The Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers . . ."—1 Kings 8:57.

Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Schools, in his convocation message on "Earnest Supplication for the Future," stated that the implications in the year verse are twofold: personal responsibility and purposeful accomplishment.

"Since we have chosen to adopt 1 Kings 8:57 as our bicentennial year verse, it means that this is the yearning of our hearts for blessing from God. Let us also remember that this calls for dedication of ourselves to Him. It means that the hearts of the administration, the faculty, the staff, and the students should respond with deep desire to submit to the Lord and allow Him to direct our feet into His paths. It means that our walk should take on the characteristics of Christ, so that all who witness our lives may know that we do have a vital relationship with the Saviour. All this will bring glory to that One who alone deserves glory."

The fall day of prayer on November 4 will have a special new format to reflect the bicentennial emphasis featuring the film "In God We Trust." The film is produced by Ken Anderson Films of Winona Lake, Indiana. One chapel each month will be concerned with the Christian aspect of the bicentennial.

Several outstanding programs will be presented during the spring semester. This will include a bicentennial production by the Grace College Drama Department under the direction of Professor Steve Grill. "The Kantorei," the singing boys of Rockford, Illinois, will be giving a bicentennial program entitled "In '76 The Sky Was Red." The group, formed in 1964 under the direction of Linden J. Lundstrom, has given performances throughout the United States and Canada and in 1974 performed in Denmark, Sweden and Norway.

Colonel Heath Bottomly, legendary American "war lord" of four wars, who was recently retired from the United States Air Force after 33 years of distinguished service, will be speaking in March. He will be sharing the incredible way in which Jesus Christ came into his life through his family. Bottomly's brilliant career almost ended in disaster and court-martial except for the intervention of God.

Congressman John B. Conlan, of Arizona, will be appearing on campus during the spring semester. There will be contests in art, music and speech appropriate to the bicentennial. "Lines," the literary publication at Grace, will feature bicentennial material.

Next spring the multi-media slide presentation "America on Parade" will be featured. This is by Robert Brouwer, who presents travelogues each year throughout the United States and is geared to the country's 200th anniversary.

The first event in September was "Mark Twain On Stage" presented by Jack Thomas of North Carolina. When Thomas shuffled on stage the audience was transported back in time to the Twain era.

Among the Grace College art gallery exhibitions for 1975-76 will be the late 19th century and early 20th century American landscape paintings. During the spring a collection of major black and white prints of Peter Milton, Stow Wengenroth, Mordecai Moreh, Josef Gielniak and Jacek Gaj will be on display.

During the fall of 1976 the United States Armed Forces Bicentennial band and chorus will be appearing on campus. The 67-piece symphonic band and 24-voice chorus will be touring the nation as part of the bicentennial.

An authorized replica of the lantern used in the Old North Church on the night of Paul Revere's ride has been acquired. This will be added to the Americanism corner in Grace Schools' library along with a replica of the Liberty Bell which is on display there. The lantern is given as a memorial to the late Dr. Claude K. Snider, father of Professor R. Wayne Snider.



Oct. 6-24—**Norma Whitcomb Paintings** (Recent paintings by Whitcomb, a part-time instructor at Grace College.)

Oct. 15-17 (10:00 a.m.)—**Dean Walter**, who has served as a Brethren pastor and has been involved in Naval Research (McClain Auditorium)

Nov. 3-21—**2-D Design** (A student exhibit of 2-D design work from the college art department.)

Nov. 8 (8:00 p.m.)—**Indiana University Faculty Organ Recital** (Winona Lake Brethren Church)

Nov. 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22—**Fall Drama Production**, Grace College Drama Department (Philathea Little Theater)

Nov. 22 (8:00 p.m.)—**College-for-a-Day Concert** Grace College Music Department (Rodeheaver Auditorium)

Dec. 1-19—**Turn of the Century Landscape Painting** (Late 19th century and early 20th century American landscape paintings.)

Dec. 5 (7:30 p.m.)—**Charles Plumb**, Vietnam prisoner of war, who became the unofficial chaplain of prisoners held in the "Hanoi Hilton" (McClain Auditorium)

Dec. 14 (3:00 p.m.)—**Christmas Oratorio** (Rodeheaver Auditorium)

Jan. 26-Feb. 13—**Printmaking** (A student exhibit of prints in various media from the college art department.)

Feb. 10-13—**Grace Bible Conference**

Feb. 23—Mar. 10—**Senior Exhibit** (The graduating senior art majors will organize an exhibition of their own work.)

Mar. 11-12 (10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.)—**Dr. Stanley Walters**, Central Michigan University (McClain Auditorium)

Mar. 15—Apr. 5—**Five Contemporary Masters of the Black and White Print** (A collection of major prints of Peter Milton, Stow Wengenroth, Mordecai Moreh, Joseph Gielniak and Jacek Gaj.)

Mar. 24 (10:00 a.m.)—**America on Parade**—**Robert Brouwer** (Rodeheaver Auditorium) College and Seminary

Apr. 5 (8:00 p.m.)—**Fort Wayne Philharmonic Connoisseur Group** (Rodeheaver Auditorium)

Apr. 6-9—**Missionary Conference**

Apr. 12—May 17—**2nd Annual Student Juried Exhibition** (An exhibition in selected categories of student work from the college art department.)

Apr. 26 (10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.)—**Dr. John Reed**, Dallas Theological Seminary (McClain Auditorium)

May 1 (8:00 p.m.)—**Parents Weekend Concert**, Grace College Music Department (Rodeheaver Auditorium)

May 1, 3, 5, 7, 8—**Bicentennial Production**, Grace College Drama Department

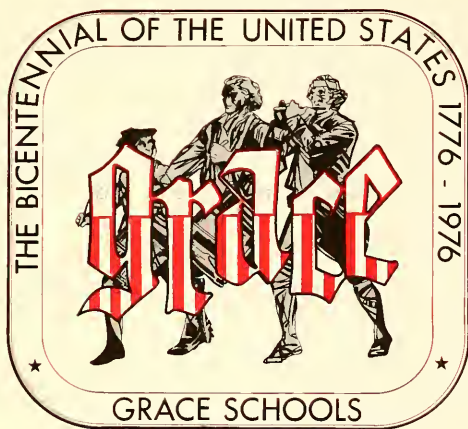
May 15 (8:00 p.m.)—**Pops Concert**, Grace College Concert Band (Rodeheaver Auditorium)

Spring Semester—**Col. Heath Bottomly** (U.S.A.F. Retired)

Spring Semester—**Congressman John B. Conlan**, Arizona

Spring Semester—**The Kantorei**, the singing boys of Rockford, Illinois

# 1975-76 Grace Schools Campus Events



A bicentennial seal for Grace Schools was designed by Prof. Art Davis of the college's art department.

IN GOD WE TRUST

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YEAR VERSE 1975-76

"The Lord our God  
be with us  
as he was  
with our  
fathers . . ."  
—1 Kings 8:57

## Outlook for the Lancerettes

Although Women's Athletic Director Yvonne Messner has not held a meeting to determine interest in basketball, there is enthusiasm already as the Grace College Lancerettes shoot baskets in the gym. In fact, already nine women including four freshmen have been working out on their own in anticipation of the upcoming season beginning in November.

Letter winners from last year's squad include Becky Stewart of Goshen, Indiana; Val Lundgren, Emaus, Pennsylvania; Brenda Wilcoxson, Fowler, Indiana; and Cathy Garrick, Norfolk, Virginia. Becky, a junior, is an excellent team player and over the summer has been working on a deadly outside shot. Coach Messner feels that Becky, along with teammate, Val, will provide the hustle and leadership the team needs. Brenda, a senior, is expected to play center and share the bulk of the rebounding responsibilities with Cathy, a junior.

Two of the four freshmen, Monae Breece, Delaware, Ohio; and Lorraine Edmiston of San Ysidro, California, are physical education majors, while Missy Delk from Indianapolis, Indiana; and Nancy Lee, of Carmel, Indiana, are majoring in elementary education and business. Nancy's husband, Doug, also a freshman, will be participating on the varsity Lancer squad.

After 15 years at the helm, Yvonne Messner is trying to find a new coach for the Lancerettes. When a new coach is found she will continue her teaching as associate professor of physical education and plans to remain active in the sports program devoting more time as women's athletic director.

### WHO GETS IT?

Men, what becomes of your estate if you die without a will and you have no living children or grandchildren?

Your wife?  
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# Living Memorial Gift Program

A Living Memorial Gift Program has been established by Grace College and Seminary to help those who desire to more adequately perpetuate the memory of departed loved ones or friends. The board of trustees approved the program to be implemented through the Development Department and they appointed Thomas E. Hammers to serve as the program director.

Here, then, is a *special* way in which Grace College and Seminary can help you.

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An appropriate card will be sent within 24 hours after the remembrance has been received and the names will be listed in the next issue of the *Grace Alumnews* and the *Brethren Missionary Herald*. The names of the person memorialized and the contributor are also placed in our Memorial Book. This type of memorial giving is being used by many thoughtful people because:

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## It's Your Preference

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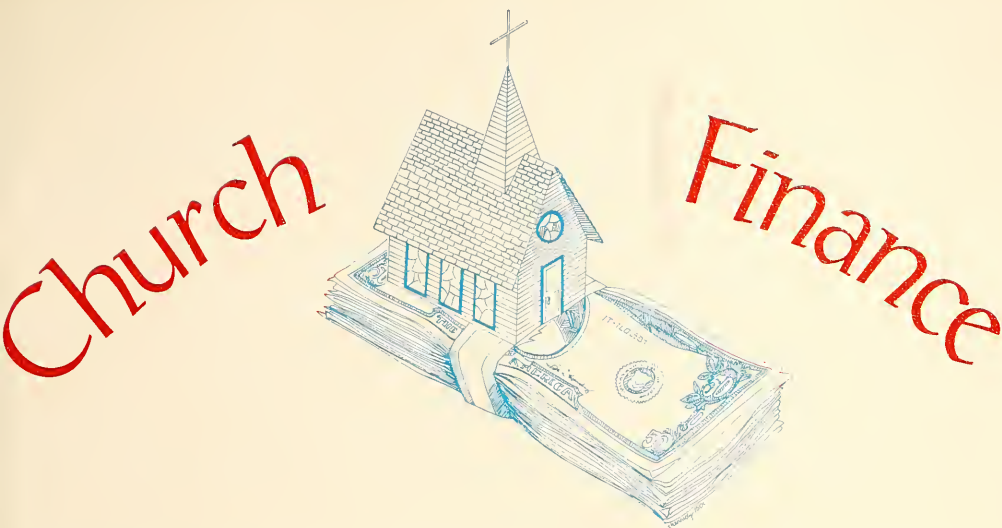
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Fall  
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What you pay your pastor includes reimbursements, benefits, and salary. But it may not all be compensation.

Look at those reimbursements for professional expenses, for example. They are not really all pay or salary or even compensation, even though that is certainly part of what you pay. Reimbursement is a cost for ministry, to be sure, but it is not compensation. It includes car expenses, books, dues, and professional supplies.

And how you pay that reimbursement can also make a difference in take-home pay. For example, your pastor's take-home pay can be affected by the way you pay reimbursements for car expenses. The best plan is to offer a church-owned or leased vehicle. Then you know your cost and you are doing what any good employer does—providing your pastor with the necessary equipment to get a job done. Furthermore, the pastor doesn't have to bother with allowances or expenses on a tax return. And all costs are reimbursed.

A cents-per-mile allowance offers a satisfactory substitute, if it is high enough. Anything less than 15c a mile is inadequate today. If you must, a fixed dollar monthly amount will do instead. But that's not really fair for you or your pastor. If you pay an allowance of \$200 a month, for example, regardless of how much your pastor drives, then you are paying too much when only a few miles are driven and not enough when a whole lot of miles are driven. Expenses which exceed the allowance are deductible; unused allowance is taxable.

Of course, the benefits you pay your pastor—pension, health insurance, housing allowance, and so forth—are compensation. How you pay them can also make a difference in take-home pay and cost to your congregation, too.

For example: If you pay a rental allowance rather than providing the free use of a church-owned home, you will help your pastor most by agreeing on total pay—salary and allowance—and then letting the pastor decide how much of that total amount can be useful for housing.

To the extent that that allowance is used, it may be excluded from taxable income by your pastor. The more allowance (within limits prescribed by the Internal Revenue Service) the more potential exclusion. And it doesn't cost your congregation anything more that way either, yet it could boost take-home pay considerably.

Another example: A Social Security allowance is one way to boost pay, improve benefits, and share in the responsibility which all employers incur for such tax. By law your congregation cannot pay the tax, but it certainly can offer an allowance that will help your pastor meet any tax obligation. Because pastors pay the Social Security tax at the self-employment income rate, their tax burden is greater than for other employees. An allowance will help to equalize the tax burden.

Finally, the salary you pay is important, too, of course it is. You can judge a merit increase best by evaluating your pastor's performance and your expectations of ministry to your congregation. Age, experience, size of congregation are not useful measurements even though they are popular criteria because they are so easy to use. Average pay for Protestant clergy in 1973, including housing, was reported at \$10,348. Adding inflation since then boosts that pay to \$13,894 in 1976.

Making sure that your congregation pays equitably for reimbursements, benefits and salary requires a good hard look at your pastor's total compensation. And a frequent review is essential just to make sure that what you really wanted to pay is commensurate with what your pastor deserves. A cursory glance is unfair. A deliberate review is more likely to provide an equitable and just result.

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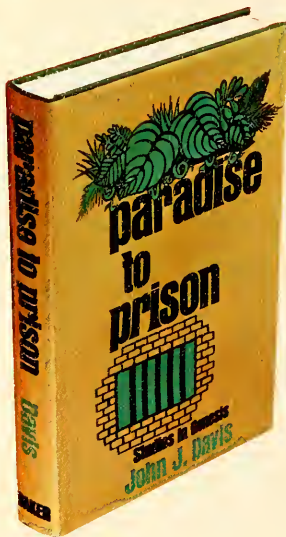
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## Dear Editor

□ Regarding the editorial of Sept. 15, 1975, entitled "Now They Are Slowing Down My Catapult!" I thought you might be interested in this newspaper clipping. — *Ohio*

Dear Heloise:

Do you know how to open a ketchup bottle and have the ketchup come right out without having to beat the bottle to death?

Before you take the cap off, simply give the bottle a good shake with the neck down.

Now open the bottle and the ketchup is right there.

I thought everyone knew this, but a friend was amazed when she saw me do it. —Mary Sue

*Simple things are simple only when you know them. I have always hit the bottle on the bottom which usually results in a blob of ketchup where you didn't want it!*—Heloise

□ The Worth of a Rock (Cover Photo) — Wonderful. We like to collect rocks and enjoy our trips to "The Garden of the Gods." Truly the Lord is very close to us in "The Garden of the Gods." The three crosses we often visit also. The Red Rocks are truly a masterpiece. Please send us *The Brethren Annual* for 1976. — *Iowa*

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# The Fun of Fall

By Charles W. Turner  
Editor

Throughout the year I tell myself there is a reason to live in Indiana, but most of the time I cannot remember the reason. The cold winter winds and snow remind me it is not these short dark days that keep me here. The wet rainy days of spring with only an occasional peek of sunshine do not spell enchantment to me. The heat and humidity of summer that make the corn grow and the people wilt confuse my fascination for this region.

My friends from California tell me of the delights of their area. When we are engaged in a cross-country phone conversation there are those who cannot escape the temptation to ask me: "Charlie, how is the weather in Indiana today?" Before I can answer, they tell me—"It is beautiful today in California!" The same is true of many from other parts of the country who serve as volunteer members of the Chamber of Commerce of their various localities. Nevertheless, there is a reason I like it here, so please let me tell you about it.

It's Fall! It is those beautiful cloudless days when the sky turns a deep blue. The nights are cool and the days just warm enough to cause a good feeling in a person. All of this is shared with the most beautiful piece of pageantry in all the world . . . the fall colors. There are few displays of God's handiwork in nature that can compare. The greens, yellows, golds, browns and reds of the trees and shrubs begin their dramatic act. It all starts rather slowly and without much of a hint of things to come. Then suddenly it has happened . . . and a simple walk can become a time of utter delight. It is difficult to grasp or even describe the beauty of this season.

Maybe there are other hidden secrets regarding this time of year that are the results of memories rather than the present reality. It was that walk home from school on a fall day. The fallen leaves covered the sidewalk and painted it a rainbow of multi-colored segments. To make a path through this ocean of beauty with the movement of your feet was fun. Later that evening it was the leaf-rake and a

command to clean up the yard. There were hundreds of leaves, maybe thousands, and possibly a million that had departed the limbs of the trees. All were waiting the individual attention of the rake and you. The pile was high now and no one was looking. This was the time to dive headlong into the welcome arms of the mountain of leaves (even though they would have to be raked up again!). Being "pre-pollution days" it was then time to burn the leaves. There is nothing to say "Fall" as much as the smell of burning leaves. It makes me feel a little sorry for the environmentalists who missed this. The flame of the fire quickly burned high and then was gone, leaving only a column of smoke that lasted for an hour or so. Yes, it was the fun of Fall (and a warm memory).

But it all foretold of a soon-changing season and the cool turned to cold and the rain turned to snow, and it was winter. The trees stood bare now, where just days before their colors were indescribably majestic. Fall had been replaced by the harsh signs of winter, and life and its patterns had changed. Now a walk to school was not as much fun, and temperatures prevented lingering too long in any one place.

There is a subtle lesson in all of this. Things do not remain constant—there is continual change going on about us all the time. Today cannot be like tomorrow, nor can tomorrow be like yesterday. Sometimes we cling to our todays because we are uncertain of our tomorrows and what they will bring to us. Have we prepared well for the change? Will it be good or will it be bad? Ready or not here comes the future. It will be here when the clock ticks once more or when the sun peeks over the horizon in the morning.

But the beauty of it all is that for Christians there is someone who loves us and has already seen tomorrow before it became today. It is our God! He puts forth His sheep and He goes before them, thus there are no surprises to Him. What a blessing to know the reality of His person and to experience His tender care. Seasons may . . . and will change . . . there is no doubt about this, but to know He changes not is an anchor for our faith.





# Gleanings from the Fields

## GERMANY

*(These items were excerpted from field reports sent for the annual meeting of the Foreign Board.)*

## HAWAII

The revival and sweet spirit has brought real involvement in the lives of our people. Brother Henry Rempel was truly God's instrument to encourage Christians to get involved and excited. We have grown rapidly in the last few weeks and expect to see continued growth.

On July 6 we had 90 in the morning service and were packed out. Sunday night testimonies lasted so long we went over a half hour so we could have some food from the Word; 60 were in attendance.

In June Ron Shinsato began a witnessing class as part of our regular Sunday School curriculum. There were 8 to 14 regular students. When these are trained it will increase our active witnessing team force to 18.

Finally, the saints are beginning to really minister to one another in love. *Koinonia* is evident in this local body. There is real life in the body. Everyone senses it; feels the love and warmth. All of this to the praise of the Lord. He has done it all.—*Pastor Kip Coffman*.

## MEXICO

## MEXICO CITY

Our Sunday night services have averaged about 50 for the first six months. In June and July it was 60, but the last two Sundays in July we had 79 and 85. Our Saturday youth meeting has nearly 40. The ladies Bible class has had 10.

Next year, Lord willing, we will have two young men studying in theological seminary in the States. Other young men will be going to the States to learn English next year. When they return and finish their university careers, then they might be able to go to seminary also.

Our Campeche mission is averaging 20 each Sunday. Besides this, we might open another mission in Veracruz (350 miles from Mexico City).—*Phil Guerena*

As for the future of Mexican missions, I have some concern. As you have already heard from Phil Guerena of the ruling against church services in homes in Mexico City, we are hearing more of that up this way, too. Some of our pastors are pushing for nationalization of the church properties as soon as possible. I think it will be for the best to go that way, and soon.

The border TIME workers are doing a good job. There have been four DVBS programs in which they have been involved thus far. This week will involve them in three more. A week getting the camp site ready and a week of camp will end their service for this year.—*Walter Haag, Field Superintendent*

A name was chosen this spring—BIBLISCHES MISSIONSZENTRUM—Biblical Missions Center. There was unanimity in the choice, and everyone seems very happy with it. It has been very helpful as well as necessary on several occasions to have had a name. We have a "board" of nine men whom I have invited to gather about every three weeks to discuss the business of the Center. Four own successful businesses, two or three others are involved in the leadership of their companies, several others are skilled laborers or technicians. A wonderful unity of love has *always* been present in our meetings, and differences of opinion are lovingly talked out till we all understand each other and sense His leading of us all together. We have stressed that this is to be a theocracy, and that we are to be unitedly led of Him. It is a solid and mature core of men, all heads of households. I recently presented the idea of in-depth Bible training for those who sensed His call upon them to do more in the area of church leadership and Bible teaching, and several have expressed an interest. Pray with us about beginning this fall with several of these men in training them for the ministry of the Word. They have repeatedly been willing to think of new things and consider new ideas and break with traditions in order to advance the Word here. We sense a very warm contact with them. . . . We continue to pray for two couples to join us in the work by the fall of 1976, having completed language study—in line with our strategy goals. We are enjoying good health.—*Roger Peugh*

**Cordoba**—This church has no pastor but there are several capable laymen and they have access to pastors and lay preachers in the city if they need assistance. They are active and seem to be going ahead. Juan Colle from Rio Cuarto visits them one weekend a month and helps them in planning. They organized a youth Christian service retreat for June 20-23 and were expecting about 20 young people; but there were 50 in regular attendance, and their evening meetings with the adults invited reached 130. This was held in the Bible Institute facilities in Almaguete and the young people were invited from all of our churches.

**Don Bosco**—All the reports I receive are good. The Sunday School has been very good for some time. The church services are now progressing and there have been some remarkable conversions recently. The people are good givers.

**Haedo**—We have regained our equilibrium since the exodus of last November. The work is encouraging in several respects: there are several families who are faithful in attendance and in giving; there are some good prospects we are following up; we're making progress on the building with six and sometimes seven of us working. The face of the building is nearing completion; a wall 13 meters long and 3 meters high is almost done and next we must put on the roof. Another encouraging factor is the opportunity the Lord has given us to meet with several who are being visited by Jehovah's Witnesses. These people seem to want to know the truth, and from the reactions we would judge that the Lord is opening their eyes.

**La Carlota**—After many years the work in Carlota is taking on more stability. There seems to be a working of the Spirit there which is extraordinary. A break has been made into the middle class of people; whereas before most were of the poor class.

**Marmol**—This work is going along nicely under the Maconaghs' supervision.

They have some very dedicated and able people. Two boys have begun to prepare messages. New people are being reached and souls are being saved. The congregation recently had three large, unexpected expenses—installation of natural gas, roof repair, and installation of new sewer system—but they valiantly arose to the challenge and have most of the expense paid off.

**Rio Cuarto center**—Here there seems to be real harmony. Souls are being saved. The young people's work is growing. Juan Colle has done a good work and we're praying that he won't leave.

**Camps**—I do not have the figures which will probably be given this weekend in the Consejo meeting, but

in general they were very good. There was sufficient surplus from monies received that they decided to buy a used pickup truck for camp use. The spiritual results of the camps were excellent.

**TIME team**—We haven't heard too much about the team nor from the team since they went to the interior, but their performance here in Marmol and Haedo was worthy of praise. I don't refer primarily to their music nor to their preaching, although both were good. I refer to their attitudes, willingness and joy. They won the hearts of the people here. The fact that most can speak Spanish was a help and I would say almost a necessity for any future teams.—*Solon Hoyt, Field Superintendent*

AFRICA

We are now only hearing what actually happened so we can know what was rumor and what was true. Many, many believers in other areas were called upon to seal their testimony as martyrs. Many churches were closed. In our field no churches were closed; no pastors or believers were called on to prove their faith through martyrdom, but they were tested in other ways. In one of our smaller churches the parents of the young men insisted that they should submit to the initiatory rites. They refused and were ready to take whatever was to be their lot. Now they are really happy Christian fellows, and their testimonies are bearing fruit. I could multiply this kind of story, and also I could tell some that are sad and harmful to the testimony of the church. But the church has not been weakened, and it should now become stronger and larger.

We started with a survey trip (by invitation) to Garoua. We also had insistent invitations from the pastors in the North Paoua and the Bocaranga-Nzoro fields to help them with these teaching-study materials. In the midst of this program it was discovered that the members who are leaders in their

churches also need missionary help. Our program was intensified. Twenty churches asked for this kind of help. By the end of May I had had sessions with groups of pastors, teaching 107 of them. In the 20 churches I had 701 pupils, teaching them in their individual local churches. This last year we experienced a greater appreciation and heartier acceptance of our work than ever before. We appreciate your prayers which were so effective, and we definitely feel that the Lord especially undertook in strengthening bodies and giving insight into the true needs here. Freda did not go with me, but she stayed by the stuff, keeping me supplied and encouraged while she was (and is) also teaching two classes daily in the local Bible school.

We have sincere and great appreciation for the help from the TIME missionaries allowed us. Jan Norwood and Eric Smith were each with us for three weeks; and Richard Harrell was with us twice.

The Africans here continually ask about Tom Staller, and they will be asking about Richard, Eric and Jan also. I guess you will be aware by now that Freda and I think the TIME program is great.—*Jake Kliever*

# The Chateau Walls Speak



By Dan Hammers

Well, friends, here I am again, and this time I almost didn't make it. It's Monday morning, and Monday mornings just aren't the best time for trying to write letters. There was a time when Monday was like any other day for me: I got to sleep all the time. In fact, it wasn't until about 10 years ago that I had done anything else but sleep. But now you should see what's happened to me. At an age when most old castles are retiring, that is between 600 and 650 years old, my new boss decided to give me a job. Now, mind you, I'm not complaining, because the rewards on this job are by far the greatest I've ever had. I used to stand guard duty over this part of the king's domain, and many a man lost his life and probably his soul just trying to attack me. But now I'm working for a new King; they call Him the King of kings. And the battles are different; they take place in men's hearts. Instead of seeing men by the hundreds lose their lives for some temporary victory, for 10 years now I've been seeing men's souls saved—for all eternity. Now that's what I mean when I say that the rewards are the greatest in my experience.

But to be truthful, I've never worked so hard in all my life. Not just days but the evening shift too, and sometimes one shift right after another. And would you believe it—they've got me working the hardest on Saturdays and Sundays when other chateaus my age are just sitting around on their foundations doing nothing.



"... someone had installed electric lights all around my feet"



"The young people have acted out the life of Christ"



Only a few years ago on a calm, cool Saturday evening, I was getting ready to close my shutters in peaceful slumber when suddenly the sun came up again. At least that's what I thought had happened until, on closer inspection, I discovered that someone had installed electric lights all around my feet. No sooner had the lights come on than the music followed, and I discarded all thought of ever getting to sleep early. Well, from that day on, every summer Saturday evening I count on working late.

I've watched my own life history acted out in the park before my very shutters! I've seen some things that I didn't even remember. And then for the past few years I've watched an even more fascinating story as the young people have acted out the life of Christ. Now that's a story that everyone should hear. Too bad that there aren't more places around here where people can hear that story. Maybe some day! It certainly has made all the difference in my life.

This year my summer got an early start with the first Saint-Albain Festival of Christian contemporary music. Now I had gotten used to some light when it was normally dark and some sound when it was normally quiet. But when I saw all those lights and all those microphones, I said, "Well, shiver my timbers"—and that's just what they did with their newfangled sound machinery! You know what, though—as apprehensive as I was at first, I really liked it, even at my age. Three days of singing about Jesus and telling how wonderful life with Him can be. Now that's what I call really livin'. And to make it even better, some others who came and heard and saw, decided just like I did a few years back, that life really is worth living if it's lived with Jesus. Wow! That really turns me on, that is, if I can use the expression at my age. Just think, a few more of those priceless souls added to the list in the Lord's big book.

Now you might think that I'm getting just a little too involved for someone of such advanced years. But listen, friend, the day I began to share in this business of pointing men to Jesus was the first real day of my life, and it's

always getting better. Let me give you a tip from an old timer. Some of you may be thinking of retiring from this business of telling the people about Jesus. Some of you want to retire before you even start, like at about age 20, and prop your feet up on your own complacency and pray that the Lord will send someone else to do your job. But listen—you'll never know what it's like to be happy doing what the good Lord put us here on this old globe to do until you start working overtime, and double time, and then some, to share what you've got—that is, real life—with the rest of the world.



"The first Saint-Albain Festival of Christian Contemporary Music"



By Pastor Juan Colle

*(In this article written by the pastor of the Brethren church in Rio Cuarto, Argentina, he sketches a few of the major points which stand out in his memory of the work in Gigena, a small town about 25 miles north of Rio Cuarto. Special mention should also be made of Pedro Camandona, a layman from the Brethren church in Berrotaran, who has done much personal work in Gigena, both before and after the tent meeting cited by the author. Rev. Solon Hoyt translated the article from Spanish.)*



# What God Hath Wrought in Gigena, Argentina

In 1962, before I began my second year of studies in the Bible Institute, I had the privilege of helping in an evangelistic campaign along with three other young men under the guidance of Missionary Jack Churchill. We invited the townspeople to come to our tent campaign which would be the first propagation of the Gospel in that town for the general public. There were some professions of faith which didn't last too long, but there were a few whose professions have stood the test of all these years since 1962. For lack of a consistent program of visitation, the little beginning did not prosper.

In 1971 two young ladies, Nilda Davicino and Gladys Darico, asked if we could come once a week from Rio Cuarto for the purpose of starting a permanent testimony. These two ladies agreed to pay all expenses. On June 13 of that same year we had the first public meeting in a rented storeroom. There were several benches, a small pulpit, and a portable organ lent by the Rio Cuarto congregation. Those who came to the Lord that year were the result of personal work; the meetings in the storeroom were not too successful. Perhaps this can be attributed to the unsatisfactory hour for the meeting and the prejudice against the "evangelicos" so common in these towns with such a long Roman Catholic tradition.

At the end of the first year, the increased rent became prohibitive so we began to meet in the home of the Giorgi family. As the believers invited

their friends and neighbors, the work started to grow. By the end of 1974, 43 had made profession of faith, but only 12 of this number have remained faithful.

On May 2, 1975, we searched in vain for a room adequate for seating all the people we were inviting to see some Billy Graham films. Finally we had the film-showing with great blessing in the large automobile repair shop of one of the believers. The brethren brought chairs and benches from their homes and the average attendance for this campaign was 45.

We still have no church building, but one family has set apart a special room in their home for our meetings. It is heartwarming to see how the believers have fixed it up with paint, curtains, chairs, and other furnishings. We are now following a series of studies on the Christian family using Larry Christensen's fine book as a guide. This has interested everyone because they find how practical the Bible is since it refers to every phase of family life. The regular attendance is now

around 20 and this number includes five full families.

A few weeks back the TIME team from the United States brought great joy and blessing to our group with their songs, messages, and enthusiasm. A small group of adolescents from the church planned a rally for young people, inviting those from other nearby congregations.

The Lord is honoring this testimony in Gigena as seen by the frequent addition of one or more persons seeking the solution to their spiritual problems. Furthermore, the ladies of the congregation meet weekly in small groups for prayer and Bible study. Each weekly visit to Gigena brings news which fills my heart with joy. May the joy of the Lord stay aflame in our hearts through a constant witness for Jesus Christ. This is our prayer: "God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; that thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations" (Ps. 67:1-2).

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# "C.A.R. Here I Come!"

When the first cool autumn breezes start sweeping across the land, then do the wild birds start migrating south.

So it is with me. I have my plane ticket and have made reservations. Now I am in the process of packing my bags. Only a few days remain before flight date, September 16. "C.A.R., here I come!"

The Lord has again proved Himself faithful. I have had a good furlough, with the privilege of seeing many friends and relatives. I have traveled many miles without mishap—from Kansas City east to Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, and north to Winona, Minnesota.

Visiting my home church (Leon, Iowa) and other groups who give toward my support brought pleasant experiences. The young people's camp in Iowa was fun. Missionary seminar and national conference were happy times. In my travels I met many interesting people—some who share in the joy of my salvation in Christ Jesus, others who have no assurance of happiness in this world nor in the next. I am praying for these dear ones—that *all* would come to know Christ as Saviour and Lord. "He is not willing that any should perish."

I am to have a traveling companion—Janet Varner from Johnstown, Pennsylvania. She is going to C.A.R. for a year of voluntary service. We will stop over a few places in Europe for sightseeing.

The evening of September 25 we should be landing at Bangui. Then we will make the 250-mile trip up-country. I will be checking often at the post office for mail. Hope to hear from many of you from time to time. If you don't find time to write, please pause for a moment now and then to pray. Thanks.—*Rosella Cochran*



Rosella Cochran (right) and Janet Varner



Bill and Imogene Burk with their four younger children who returned to Brazil with them (left to right): Tim, Ken, Lois, and Ronnie. The two older children, Linda and Art, are in the U.S.

Although we certainly don't deny that furlough has had its hard moments (mostly in regard to age-related illnesses on the part of our loved ones), we hasten to list a number of significant blessings.

We've been amazed at the number of men who have told us that they pray for us daily. This in addition to those many faithful women just about adds up to a guarantee of victory on the field.

Then there has been the fellowship with many of those who are vitally interested in our ministry. It has been a

blessing to hear them ask questions and offer insight that assures us that they follow the river ministry in the various publications. Many even recall specific names of Brazilians we've mentioned on previous furloughs.

The blessings of the missions seminar included the renewing of acquaintance with our colleagues from other lands, the perfecting of skills, widening of ideas related to theory and methods, and a better understanding of the changing picture of missions internationally.

But without a doubt, the greatest thrill of this present furlough has been the receipt of a number of letters from our beloved brethren in the Lord—believers of but two or three years, our new friends of the Guama River. These letters tell of growth and decisions that cause us to thrill at this evidence of another Biblical prediction fulfilled:

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, *which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified*" (Acts 20:32—italics are ours).—*Bill and Imogene Burk*

(FMS editor's note: The Burk family returned to Brazil at the end of August after a six-month furlough in the United States.)

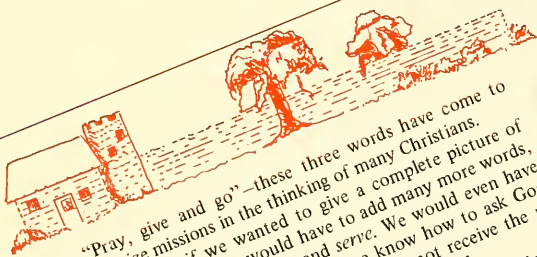
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To the faithful constituency at home

# Missionaries Say

## "Thank You"



"Pray, give and go"—these three words have come to summarize missions in the thinking of many Christians.

Of course, if we wanted to give a complete picture of missionary work, we would have to add many more words, such as *train, preach, lead, and serve*. We would even have to add the word *ask*, for unless we know how to ask God and others to supply our needs, we cannot receive the resources necessary to fulfill our Lord's command.

And if missions means asking, it also means *thanking*. A thankful spirit keeps the channels open for more blessings. A part of the work of every missionary is to be able to say thank you to those who have taken seriously the responsibility to send the Gospel to the whole world.

All real missionaries remind themselves often that they are engaged in teamwork; they know that they have the privilege of living and serving in a foreign country because their co-workers at home are giving, and often sacrificially. They know that they have a great responsibility before God and their church to use their time and money wisely in order to carry out this mission. They know that if they fail they are bringing failure to others.

The missionaries also know that most of those giving are not simply trying to ease their consciences or escape personal involvement, but are investing their funds in the people in whom they have chosen to put their confidence. And so, a big thank you to all. We know that it is not always easy, with prices going up and fewer people drawing pay checks. But we know, too, that because you have given, God will supply *your* needs. And His resources are limitless.

Yours in His faithfulness.  
—Tom and Doris Julien, France

It's hard to say "thank you" and convey the gratitude we really mean for your faithfulness in supporting our work here. We know you aren't giving to get our thank you—and we honestly aren't thanking to get more of what you have given. We are simply grateful that you have identified with us for the salvation and spiritual growth of Germans. When you send the tangible gift, we believe you are following it with your prayers—which really encourages us in our day-by-day labors in Him.

—Roger Peugh,  
Germany

This is to say thank you for caring for us missionaries financially. All too often thank yous and words of appreciation are omitted until it is too late. I don't want to be guilty of that.

I'm sure you believe that it is more blessed to give than to receive, and that the Lord will reward you accordingly. But perhaps the Lord would like to send some of that reward of blessing through my words of appreciation.

I know that the opinion of your missionaries in Africa is unanimous—that the FMS board because of your generosity has never failed us yet. Sometimes we feel that some people give to support us when they have less than we. None of us has had to worry about where the next meal would be coming from. Sure, the inflation in the C.A.R. is high (50 percent per year), but the Lord through you has met the challenge.

Thank you again, and thanks in advance for helping the Foreign Missionary Society in its 75th anniversary year to hit its goal of "one million."

—Dr. Larry Pfahler,  
Central African Republic

We missionaries in Argentina certainly have much for which to thank the Brethren people in the United States. I believe I speak for the present missionaries as well as those others who have served here through the years. First of all, we are thankful for your prayers. So often we have been made to realize that the victories here are "not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

Next, we are thankful for your spiritual insight. Argentina has not seen the numerical growth in souls saved in the same proportion as some other fields. Without the spiritual insight which keeps us faithful in the hard places in spite of the results, I'm sure the brethren would tend to apply the hard, inflexible rules of the business world in their giving. But this has not been the case. Although the missionaries who pioneered this work were not taken care of in the generous way the rest of us have been treated, even then I'm sure there was a real concern for the missionary and the work here.

Finally, we are thankful to the Fellowship as a whole, and to those parents, pastors, youth counselors, and Sunday School teachers who have encouraged their children and those under their spiritual care to give their lives for the work in Argentina. This has already brought blessing and will bring much more in the future.

We are excited with the potential for the Lord's work here in Uberlandia. We have asked for much prayer concerning our location here, and the Lord has provided. He has also provided some good contacts. We are awaiting His timing to "press home" the truths of His Word. Your prayers are especially significant in the beginnings of our work, and we appreciate so much those who are backing us up in daily prayer in this undertaking. We are reminded again and again that in many ways this work is an extension of every person who supports Brethren Foreign Missions. A special thank you to each of you who has invested financially in this enterprise. We come repeatedly with needs and responsibility, both as stewards of His grace, and as stewards of your investments as well. Yours for a Grace Brethren Church in Uberlandia.

—Tim Farner, Brazil



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I'm a  
Child  
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## MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS — JANUARY 1976

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 Janet Lynn Walker . . . . . January 28, 1958

## ARGENTINA

Rev. Lynn A. Hoyt . . . . . January 3  
     Bartolome Mitre 2370, Jose Marmol, F.C.G.R.  
     Buenos Aires, Argentina, S.A.  
 Ivan Wayne Hoyt . . . . . January 5, 1958

## BRAZIL

Curtis Allen Schwartz . . . . . January 11, 1963

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## Offering emphasis

This property is needed by  
 Grace Brethren Church of Kenai,  
 Alaska.

## notes

Give generously to the Home Mis-  
 sion Offering . . . due December 10

—Roll those bandages. But not  
 all the way to Africa. A  
 limited supply is needed (2"  
 wide, 7 yd. long, flat seamed)  
 at the Foreign Missions Of-  
 fice in Winona Lake for mis-  
 sionaries to use in packing  
 barrels. Get them to Winona  
 Lake on rolling wheels with  
 someone traveling there.

—Save now for the big give-  
 away in April.



Confused? Not sure of your  
 identity? There is one term  
 that need bother you no  
 longer. PRAYER WAR-  
 RIOR. This term was chosen  
 because it gives the picture of  
 someone engaged in battle  
 for a cause. You can be alone  
 or with a partner or group.  
 The cause is Christ. The  
 battle is against the prince of  
 this world. This quote, taken  
 from the official history  
 book of WMC, *Through the  
 Years with WMC*, is from  
 Miss Elizabeth Tyson, 1964  
 national prayer chairman.  
 "Every WMC member on her  
 knees to get the officers, mis-  
 sionaries and others on their  
 feet."



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# 1975-76 WMC Objectives and Recommendations

## LOCAL COUNCILS 1975-76

### PERSONAL OBJECTIVES

1. IN REGULAR BIBLE READING AND STUDY. *First choice*—the entire Bible. *Second choice*—regular Bible reading of own choosing.

2. IN PRAYER. Each WMC woman a prayer warrior, praying for Brethren missionaries and workers listed in *Daily Devotions*, for Brethren Student Life Volunteers and youth in her district who have made decisions for full-time service, and/or for decisions resulting from GROW emphasis.

3. IN PERSONAL WORK. a. Every member a witness and soul winner. b. Encourage each woman to be active in evangelism: assist willingly in SMM, VBS, Sunday School, children's Bible classes, Missionary Helpers Club, church-sponsored youth activities, and/or church-sponsored home Bible study groups. c. That each woman in each council be urged to show increased interest in the SMM in all pos-

sible ways, such as prayer, work projects, financial help, and willingness to serve as patroness, assistant, mini-maxi program, or in any other capacity.

4. IN STEWARDSHIP. Each WMC member give regularly to WMC her time, talents and money as the Lord leads and prospers her.

### FAMILY OBJECTIVE

IN FAMILY WORSHIP. Establishment of regular family devotions in every home, meeting with as many members as possible.

### COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

1. IN PRAYER. Each council observe a special time of prayer on the 15th day of each month (small groups, prayer chains, and so forth), using the prayer helps provided by our Fellowship and sent to pastors.

2. IN MONTHLY MEETINGS. A minimum of twelve meetings, using the Brethren WMC programs in the packet.

3. IN DISTRICT PROJECTS AND RALLIES. Each council should be represented at rallies and take part in district projects. This promotes individual growth and enthusiasm for the local WMC work.

4. IN OFFERINGS. (Please send all money to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman, using the proper offering slip from the treasurer's sheet in the program packet. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BRETHREN NATIONAL WMC). a. September, October, November—HOME MISSIONS—send before December 10. Goal: \$5,500—to the Kenai, Alaska, work toward the purchase of property. b. December, January, February—GRACE SCHOOLS—send before March 10. Goal: \$5,500—to the Art Department for equipment and supplies. c. March, April, May—FOREIGN MISSIONS—Send before June 10. Goal: \$5,500—to the work in Brazil—\$4,000 for a boat and trail bike for the river ministry; balance toward building of a residence in Uberlandia for the Tim Farners and Barbara Hulse. d. June, July, August—WMC OPERATION AND PUBLICATION EXPENSES—Send before September 10. Goal: \$5,500. e. THANK OFFERING for Brethren Jewish Missions. Send anytime before June 10. We suggest a minimum of \$1.50 a-year-per-member. f. SMM OFFERING—(SMM Girl-of-the-Year scholarship and sponsorship of director of girls ministries under the Christian Education Department. We suggest a minimum goal of a dollar-a-year-per-member). Send before April 30. g. BIRTHDAY OFFERING to be received during the year toward the support of WMC Birthday Missionaries. (We suggest a minimum goal of \$1.50 a-year-per-member). Send before June 10. BIRTHDAY MISSIONARIES for 1975-76 are:

1. Miss Lila Sheely—C.A.R.
2. Mrs. William (Donna) Walker—C.A.R.
3. Miss Lois Wilson—C.A.R.
4. Mrs. Eddie (Eileen) Miller—Brazil
5. Mrs. Foster (Marguerite) Tresie—Hawaii

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6. Mrs. Hill (Dorothy) McConaghy  
—Argentina

## DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

### DISTRICT WORK

1. Each district is encouraged to honor, with an award, those reading the entire Bible within a year.

2. Each district is encouraged to recognize the SMM at a district WMC program.

3. Each district is encouraged to use BRETHREN talent when available and support BRETHREN works.

4. Each district is encouraged to send its district newspaper to district presidents, district editors and national officers.

### DISTRICT OFFERINGS AND EXPENSES

1. Each district shall sponsor at least one project, said project to be cleared through the national first vice president to avoid duplication. The project may be kept within the district, but the national first vice president should be advised for completion of her report.

2. Each district shall contribute an annual free will offering to be used toward the furnishing and repair of the Brethren Foreign Missionary residences at Winona Lake, Indiana. This offering shall be sent to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman, by June 30, and used as the committee in charge sees the need.

3. All district offerings for national Brethren works shall be sent to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman.

4. Each district should pay the district president's expenses, wholly or in part, to national conference.

5. Each district shall give financial assistance, if possible, that its district SMM patroness may attend national conference.

6. Each district shall contribute annually to the national Operation and Publication Expenses. This offering shall be sent to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman, by January 30.

## DISTRICT PRESIDENT

1. Each district president shall promote the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church in her district.

2. Each district president shall stress the importance of using the Brethren WMC program packets and achieving our objective and recommendations in the local council to foster unity among us.

3. The retiring district president is to write a four-minute achievement report which is to be presented by the new president or representative at the national board meeting.

4. Each district president will receive the local annual statistical reports and will compile the district statistical report to be sent to the national secretary by July 10.

5. The district president shall represent her district on the national WMC board at national conference. If she is unable to attend, a representative should be sent in her place.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

1. That a membership renewal and consecration service be held annually (preferably in the fall), to reconsecrate members and to recognize new members.

2. To purchase and encourage the reading of the following books, which may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company, Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590:

a. *Hansi, The Girl Who Loved The Swastika* by Maria Anne Hirschmann (Tyndale House, 1973), \$2.95.

b. *The Richest Lady in Town* by Joyce Landorf (Zondervan, 1973), \$3.95.

c. *Who Cares About the Missionary* by Marjorie A. Collins (Moody Press, 1974) \$2.50.

3. That good, usable clothing be sent to the following missions (each council being responsible for the entire expense):

a. DRYHILL, KENTUCKY—Adult and children's clothing. Send parcel post to: Mr. John Sholly, Brethren Chapel, R. R. 3, Box 136, Hyden, KY 41749.

b. Other Brethren mission points, if requested.

4. That they use BRETHREN talent when available and support BRETHREN works.

5. That the women read and use the Pen Pointers. These can be obtained from the national literature secretary, Mrs. Charles Koontz. It is suggested when possible to send a free will offering with your requests to help cover mailing costs.

6. That each council plan and prepare a yearly program booklet, including such items as names and addresses of officers and members, projects, offerings (local, district and national) and their due dates, monthly program leader and hostess and a schedule of meetings.

## TO LOCAL COUNCILS CONCERNING ORGANIZATION

1. That officers be elected in June and assume their duties in September. The national and district statistical reports compiled by the retiring local president must be in the hands of the district president by July 10, and shall include all reports from July 1, 1975, through June 30, 1976.

2. That each local president or representative attend each district meeting and national WMC conference, her council aiding in expenses, if at all possible.

3. That the assistant secretary of each council keep the membership cards, be responsible for giving her card to any member transferring to another council, and see that a new member receives and signs her membership card when she joins the local council. (These cards are available from the national literature secretary.)

4. That the prayer chairman keep a record of all souls saved through the efforts of WMC members. (Include all decisions made for salvation through evangelization of youth, VBS, and so forth.)

5. That the prayer chairman be responsible for the family worship emphasis in local councils, suggesting the use of the Brethren booklet, *Daily Devotions*.



Director of Girls Ministries & National SMM Patroness chats with Little Sister SMM'er, Susie Maurer. Behind her (l to r) are Bethany Tanner, Bonnie Battenfield and Annette Miller.



Jamie White, Maria Pacheco and Mrs. Dan Pacheco present special music accompanied by Mrs. Terry White.



Get the  
Picture



Mrs. Pierre Yougouda (Martine)—C.A.R.

Miss Marie Mishler—C.A.R.



Mr. Phil Cariaga—Bible class teacher at Jewish Mission



Mrs. Bill Burk—Brazil



Mrs. Norm Johnson—Brazil



Mrs. Walter Haag interprets for the national pastor from Mexico—Rudolfo Villa

# THE SWITCHBOARD

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director; James Long, assistant to the director.

## PSA INSIGHT

A computer-evaluated Sunday School report of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches

**RECORD ATTENDANCES:** Washington, Pa.—268, Wooster, Ohio—404, Warsaw, Ind.—535.

### SEPTEMBER CONTEST WINNERS

| <u>Div.</u> | <u>Church</u>                    | <u>Pastor</u> | <u>Superintendent</u> |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| A           | Myerstown, Pa.                   | Luke Kauffman | Guy Brightbill        |
| B           | Johnstown, Pa.<br>(Riverside)    | Don Rough     | LeRoy Spangler        |
| C           | Dayton, Ohio<br>(Patterson Park) | Dale Kurtz    | Fred Orris            |
| D           | Union, Ohio                      | Ron Picard    | Carl Trimble          |
| E           | Washington, Pa.                  | Shimer Darr   | D. Malone             |
| F           | Colorado Springs, Colo.          | Thomas Inman  | -----                 |
| G           | Beaverton, Oreg.                 | James Willett | Jim Powell            |
| H           | Cypress, Calif.                  | Ross Martin   | Leola Rundall         |
| I           | Bethlehem, Pa.                   | Ron Guiles    | Ken Brown             |
| J           | Kokomo, Ind.<br>(North)          | Richard Bell  | -----                 |
| N           | Aiken, S.C.                      | Steve Taylor  | -----                 |

### AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

of all reporting Sunday Schools\* . . . . . September 1974—157  
 . . . . . September 1975—157

\*Growth index based on 181 reporting churches:

September 1974 weekly average attendance — 27,084

September 1975 weekly average attendance — 28,428

Net Gain in reporting churches — 1,344 persons or up 4.9 percent

### \*Summary

114 churches registered increases totaling — 2,371

64 churches registered losses totaling — 1,027

Largest numerical increase — Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)

Largest percentage increase — Bethlehem, Pa.

*\* The larger the number of reporting churches, the more accurately these figures will represent the church growth pictures of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. We urge the total support of the churches of the NFBC in this computer-evaluated church growth analysis which is provided free of charge to churches of the Fellowship by the Christian Education Department.*

## NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT COMPETITION

This is a program to help the local church to encourage teens to cultivate talents and abilities. It provides a way to encourage quality, proficiency, and use of a teenager's abilities in the Lord's work.

All first and second place winners in any category receive appropriate trophies. Members of the championship Bible quiz team receive trophies and a trip to a Brethren mission field with all expenses paid from the point of embarkation. Scholarships are sought annually to help cover the costs for these trips. Members of the second place quiz team receive trophies and \$10 gift certificates from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company for purchase at the College Bookstore. ☞

## SEND YOUTH TO YOUTH CONFERENCE

Selling night crawlers was one way someone used to raise money for last year's youth conference. As we look toward the 1976 conference, how will your young people gain the money to attend? Many teens do not have regular jobs and are not able to raise money for the national youth gathering. Therefore some churches have established some ideas to help teens earn money.

Some ideas Brethren churches have used include: 1) having teens serve as "slaves" to church members by doing yard work, cleaning

garages, and so forth; 2) teens serving as church custodians; 3) presenting land to teens in order to plant a large garden to sell the produce at retail prices; 4) a "donation basis" car wash; 5) establishing a weekly savings plan to keep funds for the teens; 6) a "matching gift" program with the church.

Do whatever you can to save for the August 7-14, 1976, Youth Conference in southern California. Write the Christian Education Department if you have some unusual ways which you intend to use in helping teens earn money for conference. We'll try to pass the word along to others! ☞

# Time Exposure

Mexican Border in Baja, California  
(Old Mexico)

Christian Education Department

**SWITCHBOARD**  
**NEWS**  
**AND VIEWS**

TIME workers on the Mexican Border can expect a ministry filled with variety—such as extreme heat for two weeks and moderate heat for five weeks, primitive facilities for part of the summer and comfortable facilities for the rest of the time, speaking in both the Spanish and English languages. Their ministry includes help in camps, Bible schools, outreach and many duties of a border mission work. Two years of Spanish are required to be effective in this ministry.

Four persons served on the Mexico Border this summer. Here are their testimonies:

*"It has been a joy to share the Word of God with Mexican children in Bible schools and camp, and to see some of them accept Christ. I saw the universal need of all people to experience salvation in Christ and the need for more of the Lord's servants on the mission field. God has given me a greater desire and willingness to serve Him with my life."—Susan Kennard, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio*

*"No semester of college classes or quarter of Sunday School lessons could teach me what I learned by being on a foreign mission field. I learned lots from Mr. Churchill—like how to make my time really count by using it for the Lord. I also learned about foreign missions and how rewarding it can be to be used in that area of ministry. Not only has my summer encouraged me in my preparation for full-time Christian service but it has added depth to my walk with God and convinced me that truly we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us."—Brian Roseborough, Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio*



Susan Kennard, Brian Roseborough, Alice Castillo and Leann Sanders.

*"The Lord gave me the opportunity to meet many other brothers and sisters in the Lord. It was such a blessing to see the power of the Lord working everywhere. I knew the Lord worked everywhere but by being in another culture where His love was being shared allowed me to actually experience His omnipresent power. My eyes were opened to the great need of the Gospel for the uttermost parts of the world."—Alice Castillo, Community Brethren Church, Whittier, California*

*"I'd like to share something important that the Lord has taught me while serving Him in Mexico. Without a vast knowledge of the language I began to wonder just how I could share Christ. Then the Lord reminded me that I could share Christ with my life. It isn't necessarily what I say but it's my actions—Christ living in me. Each day I'm representing Him and 'read by all men.'"—Leann Sanders, Northwest Brethren Church, Phoenix, Arizona*

The deadline for applications to the TIME program and Operation Barnabas is February 1. If any teens or adults are considering a ministry in these short-term missionary programs for the summer of '76, please contact the Christian Education Department immediately to request an application. Openings are available in France, Brazil, Alaska, Mexico, Mexico Border, Kentucky, Argentina, and the Navajo Mission.

**Time Is Running Out!!!**



# New SMM Handbook Reflects the "New SMM"

SMM has completed the first half of its total revision with new programs for girls in grades one through six.

## **LITTLE SISTERS** — grades 1-3

Emphasis is on *getting to know* about the Bible, missions and the Lord Jesus Christ. Individual goals are tailor-made for first graders, second graders and third graders, and include: Nature, Father's Helper, Cooking, Manners, and Health, as well as Bible and Missions.

## **AMIGAS** — grades 4-6

Emphasis is on *starting to grow* as individuals, as girls and as Christians. Goals include a variety of areas of interest—First Aid, Cooking, Physical Fitness, Art, Safety, Music, Citizenship, Gardening and Sewing. The Bible goals are "heavy" on doctrine. The missionary goals stress participation as well as education.



These attractive handbooks plus interesting program material, which includes crafts and games, equals a satisfying girls club for YOUR church. For more information write: Dottie Franks, director of girls ministries, Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

## Operation Barnabas Goes West

Plans are being confirmed for the 1976 Operation Barnabas team to serve in California for approximately one month. The team of high school age students will again minister in Brethren churches through two- or three-day periods of intensive evangelism and encouragement. The idea of the team is to help churches in whatever areas they feel are the greatest needs. Each pastor completes a "work order form" to suggest ways in which the team could best meet the needs of his people.

A priority of the team is to meet and make friends of persons of each

congregation and do whatever is necessary to meet needs in the church. The team will do things ranging from outreach, church services, manual labor to Vacation Bible School programs. They are prepared to minister in teen preaching and teaching, testimonies, various vocal and instrumental groups, drama and puppetry.

The Barnabas ministry helps team members grow spiritually through training and personal experience while also helping churches. Dates for the summer ministry are June 28—July 26. Applications are still being received for interested persons who have the spiritual qualifications necessary to become involved in this ministry. Write to the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

## **NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK**

The theme for the 1976 National Youth Week is "Free to Live." The dates for the special emphasis on youth in Brethren churches is February 1-8. Packets including posters and suggested ideas for youth week will be sent to all pastors and youth workers who are on the Pro-teens mailing list.

Churches will have the opportunity of receiving youth week bulletins, participating in the national scrapbook contest, and receiving suggestions as to how they can best use a youth week in their churches to the fullest advantage.

The Sunday School of the Year honors were presented to Peter Peponis by Howard Mayes, Executive Director of the Christian Education Department.



# The Sunday School of the Year

(This citation was read at national conference)



Our contest emphasizes numbers because numbers are people . . . and the Sunday School of the year is given to people with numbers.

But this is for more than numbers —

This is double honor for those who are taking their numbers and working especially hard on the quality learning process for those numbers . . .

Organization, improvement, involvement, facilities, spirit . . .  
a year of noticeable progress.

This school gained well, tried harder, did no laurel resting —

They have had vision and industry-plus as a church, with superb growth, inspired staff, dedicated people, a spirit of joy.

This is a church that has started two other churches and is investigating a third —  
This is a church and school that has been a friend to national boards, and to other churches.

If you will be jealous when you hear the announcement,  
your spirit is out of focus . . .

If you think of reasons this should have been your school and church,  
great — go at it this new year . . .

We are on the same team, in the same body . . .  
and somewhere I have read, 'When a part of the body is honored,  
the rest of the body is honored, and rejoices with it.'

This evening, my teammates, my fellow body members, let us give double honor and rejoice  
with this part . . . (from the wonderful world of Ohio)

The Grace Brethren Church of Worthington, Ohio.



—Knute Larson  
President of the Board  
Christian Education Department

# Per Capita\* Church Support of the Christian Education Department

The director, staff, and board members of the Christian Education Department express gratitude to the following churches for generous support of the Christian Education Department. Is your church one of these "top 66" who has provided such a large part of the support for the Christian Education Department? If not, your consideration of helping our department expand its ministry is deeply appreciated. Some of these churches help us regularly through including the Christian Education Department in their annual budgets. Others are most generous in forwarding specially designated offerings to us throughout the year. Thanks for whatever you can do to help us help.

*\* Based on membership as reported in the 1975 Brethren Annual*

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Church</u>                        | <u>Pastor</u>      | <u>No.</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Church</u>           | <u>Pastor</u>    |
|------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1.         | 10.72         | Winona Lake, Ind.                    | Charles Ashman     | 34.        | 2.95          | Martinsburg, W. Va.     | Mason Cooper     |
| 2.         | 9.07          | Warsaw, Ind.                         | David Miller       | 35.        | 2.94          | Kokomo, Ind. (North)    | Richard Bell     |
| 3.         | 7.05          | New Holland, Pa.                     | Kenneth Russell    | 36.        | 2.92          | Temple Hills, Md.       | James Dixon      |
| 4.         | 6.86          | Myerstown, Pa.                       | Luke Kauffman      | 37.        | 2.80          | Johnstown, Pa.          |                  |
| 5.         | 6.30          | Columbus, Ohio                       |                    |            |               | (Riverside)             | Don Rough        |
|            |               | (Eastside)                           | Richard Sellers    | 38.        | 2.75          | Kenai, Alaska           | Edward Jackson   |
| 6.         | 6.29          | Cumberland, Md.                      | Michael Funderburg | 39.        | 2.75          | Martinsburg, Pa.        | William Snell    |
| 7.         | 5.83          | Cypress, Calif.                      | Ross Martin        | 40.        | 2.75          | Washington, Pa.         | Shimer Darr      |
| 8.         | 5.58          | Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio                 | Lee Friesen        | 41.        | 2.73          | Danville, Ohio          | Edward Wingard   |
| 9.         | 5.31          | Virginia Beach, Va.                  | Edward Lewis       | 42.        | 2.70          | Cedar Rapids, Iowa      | Gilbert Gilgan   |
| 10.        | 5.16          | Whittier, Calif.                     |                    | 43.        | 2.69          | Fort Lauderdale, Fla.   | Merlin Berkey    |
|            |               | (Community)                          | John Mayes         | 44.        | 2.68          | Harrisburg, Pa.         | Phillip Simmons  |
| 11.        | 5.06          | Telford, Pa.                         | Robert Griffith    | 45.        | 2.67          | Kittanning, Pa. (First) | Donald Farnar    |
| 12.        | 4.77          | Dayton, Ohio (First)                 | Forrest Jackson    | 46.        | 2.65          | Altونا, Pa. (First)     | Marvin Meeker    |
| 13.        | 4.57          | Fort Wayne, Ind. (First)             | Galen Lingenfelter | 47.        | 2.64          | Brookville, Ohio        | Claire Brickel   |
| 14.        | 4.52          | Rittman, Ohio                        | Robert Russell     | 48.        | 2.63          | Duncansville, Pa.       | John Gregory     |
| 15.        | 4.48          | Lexington, Ohio                      | Dean Risser        | 49.        | 2.58          | Leesburg, Ind.          | Ralph Burns      |
| 16.        | 4.48          | Stoystown, Pa.                       | Larry Weigle       | 50.        | 2.54          | Elkhart, Ind.           | Robert Kern      |
| 17.        | 4.47          | Coraopolis, Pa.                      | Don Bowlin         | 51.        | 2.52          | Indianapolis, Ind.      | Paul Woodruff    |
| 18.        | 4.23          | Bellflower, Calif.                   | Edwin Cashman      | 52.        | 2.52          | Toppenish, Wash.        | Nelson Hall      |
| 19.        | 4.05          | York, Pa.                            | Robert Whited      | 53.        | 2.50          | Grass Valley, Calif.    | Arthur Carey     |
| 20.        | 3.68          | Conemaugh, Pa.                       |                    | 54.        | 2.47          | Berne, Ind.             | Earle Peer       |
|            |               | (Conemaugh)                          | Don Rager          | 55.        | 2.44          | Beaverton, Oreg.        | James Willett    |
| 21.        | 3.65          | Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)            | Wayne Baker        | 56.        | 2.44          | Albuquerque, N. Mex.    |                  |
| 22.        | 3.61          | Englewood, Ohio                      | Gerald Polman      |            |               | (Heights)               | Victor Rogers    |
| 23.        | 3.53          | Ashland, Ohio (Grace)                | Knute Larson       | 57.        | 2.43          | Sterling, Ohio          | Bernard Simmons  |
| 24.        | 3.42          | Roanoke, Va. (Ghent)                 | M. L. Myers        | 58.        | 2.41          | Dayton, Ohio            |                  |
| 25.        | 3.38          | Lancaster, Pa.                       | Vernon Harris      |            |               | (Huber Heights)         | James Poyner     |
| 26.        | 3.33          | Sidney, Ind.                         | Rollin Sandy       | 59.        | 2.34          | Mabton, Wash.           | Paul Dixon       |
| 27.        | 3.33          | Norton, Ohio (formerly<br>Barberton) |                    | 60.        | 2.33          | Rialto, Calif.          | Dale Brock       |
|            |               |                                      | Robert Combs       | 61.        | 2.27          | Winona, Minn.           | John Hartman     |
| 28.        | 3.27          | Peru, Ind.                           | James Marshall     | 62.        | 2.20          | Manheim, Pa.            | Richard Placeway |
| 29.        | 3.21          | Phoenix, Ariz.                       | Mark Malles        | 63.        | 2.14          | Tucson, Ariz.           | Kenneth Curtis   |
| 30.        | 3.15          | San Diego, Calif.                    | Lynn Schrock       | 64.        | 2.10          | Ankenytown, Ohio        | Howard Snively   |
| 31.        | 3.00          | Homerville, Ohio                     | Robert Holmes      | 65.        | 2.08          | Telford, Tenn.          | Donald W. Farnar |
| 32.        | 2.96          | Parkersburg, W. Va.                  | Ralph Miller       | 66.        | 2.03          | West Palm Beach, Fla.   | William Cole     |
| 33.        | 2.96          | Meyersdale, Pa.                      |                    |            |               |                         |                  |
|            |               | (Summit Mills)                       | Richard duPont     |            |               |                         |                  |





Lines from Lewis

The roaring breakers of the Pacific Ocean will be the scene all week at Point Loma College during Brethren National Youth Conference. The campus located in San Diego, California, has been chosen to house the conference during August 7-14, 1976.

Point Loma is located in a semi-tropical residential setting and rests on the crest of Point Loma (a peninsula). The 87-acre campus is said by many to be the most beautiful campus of any college or university in the West.

Persons on the campus enjoy a clear view westward onto the Pacific Ocean and eastward across downtown San Diego to the distant Laguna Mountains. The residence halls which will house 1,200 persons overlook the ocean and are all within the restful sounds of the surf. Twenty-four of the 35 campus buildings have been constructed within the last 20 years.

The spectacular views from the campus will enhance the theme for the week entitled "Celebrate the Son." The week-long celebration will center on the person of Christ.

With close to 1,000 teens gathering for fellowship and spiritual growth, the week promises to be filled with great challenges, tremendous music, plenty of recreation (maybe surfing), opportunities to visit sights in the southern California area, finals in achievement competition and much more.

Teens will be able to enjoy this week on the ocean for \$100 for the entire 7 sun-filled days. Plan now to save money and make arrangements to attend this great youth gathering for the Brethren Church.

# Scholarship to a Christian College

The Christian Education Department wants to do much more to encourage young people to attend Christian colleges and to help them once they are there. Can you help us help? Do you want to accept a project to sponsor these winners? Please contact Christian Education Department.

The following Grace College scholarships are presently being awarded upon their acceptance as students:

|                                 | <u>First<br/>Place</u> | <u>Second<br/>Place</u> | <u>Donor</u>                        |
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We need persons, churches or organizations willing to sponsor the following additional scholarships annually.\*

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|-------------------------------------------|----------|
| Teen Teacher (1st place)                  | \$250.00 |
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| Vocal Solo I—Women's Division (2nd place) | \$ 75.00 |
| Vocal Solo II (2nd place)                 | \$ 75.00 |
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| Scripture Reading (2nd place)             | \$ 25.00 |
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| Original Music Composition (2nd place)    | \$ 25.00 |
| Original Art (1st place)                  | \$ 50.00 |
| Original Art (2nd place)                  | \$ 25.00 |
| Original Poetry (1st place)               | \$ 50.00 |
| Original Poetry (2nd place)               | \$ 25.00 |
| Congregational Song Leader (1st place)    | \$ 50.00 |
| Congregational Song Leader (2nd place)    | \$ 25.00 |
| Keyboard Duet (1st place)                 | \$100.00 |
| Keyboard Duet (2nd place)                 | \$ 50.00 |

\* These will only be given if persons are willing to sponsor them.

# BMA NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

• **Post-conference tour planned.** Next year's national conference will be held Aug. 6-13 in Long Beach, Calif. A one-week tour to Hawaii begins Saturday, Aug. 14, and will feature tours of three islands and a Sunday visit to our churches. Cost will be about \$450. Write for further information—Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590; or Rev. Ralph Colburn, 5885 Downey Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90805.

• **Covington, Va.** Rev. Keith L. Zook has accepted the pastorate of the Grace Brethren Church here, effective Nov. 9. He formerly pastored the Pleasant Grove Grace Brethren Church of North English, Iowa.

• **Elizabethtown, Pa.** "Fall Round-Up Time" was here again. Our Annual Fall Round-Up was celebrated on Sept. 7. Nearly everyone was away at one time or another during the summer months, so our Fall Round-Up was the time for everyone to get back to Sunday School and Church. A good time of fellowship was enjoyed and a special church program got underway.

• **Anderson, S. C.** The 25th Wedding Anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. Marion Thomas was celebrated by the church on Saturday, Sept. 13. They were given a lovely silver casserole server as a love gift from the congregation.

• **Dayton, Ohio** The "Come Alive Crusade" took place Sept. 21-26. Our hearts were prepared for the reception of the Word of God by the musical ministry of Paul Schumacher, and the preaching of Rev. Charles Turner was very practical as he shared with us each night from the Word.

• **Osceola, Ind.** Rev. Ward A. Miller was installed as the senior pastor of the Bethel Brethren Church on Sunday, Sept. 21, at a special afternoon service. After pastoring the church for two years, Rev. Gordon Bracker became the Associate Pastor of the church. Rev. Scott Weaver, pastor of the Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind., was the speaker for the installation service. Other area pastors who participated in the service were as follows: Rev. A. Harold Arrington, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Goshen, Ind.; Rev. Robert D. Kern, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church of Elkhart, Ind.; Rev. Arthur F. Collins, elder in the Bethel Brethren Church of Osceola, Ind.; Rev. Gordon W. Bracker, former pastor of the Bethel Church, Rev. David W. Miller, pastor of the Community Grace Brethren Church of Warsaw, Ind., and son of Pastor Ward A. Miller.

• **Lubbock, Texas.** For eight nights, Aug. 31-Sept. 7, the floodlighted Texas Tech football field became a counseling area for thousands of people who publicly walked forward to make a commitment to Jesus Christ during the Crusade meetings.

More than 3,000 prayer groups in 40 West Texas cities and towns began to pray for the Crusade. Each of the 23,000 students at Texas Tech were prayed for by name even before they returned to campus to begin their fall term studies.

The West Texas Crusade was part of Lubbock's bi-centennial celebration.

A five-day School of Evangelism was held in conjunction with the Crusade drawing 1,100 pastors, their wives and seminary students from 13 states and five foreign countries to study evangelism under the leadership of men and women who have demonstrated successful methods of winning others to Jesus Christ.

Teams of co-laborers worked until the early morning hours processing the inquirer's cards so that follow-up by the churches could be made within 24 hours of the person's decision.

• **Lanham, Md.** The First Brethren Church installed Rev. Russell Ogden as pastor in their morning worship service on Sept. 7, 1975. Dr. Robert Collitt, pastor of the Grace Brethren Church in Hagerstown, Md., brought the installation message. He was assisted in the service by Chaplain Emlyn Jones of Walter Reed Army Hospital.

• **Roanoke, Va. (Ghent).** "Key To Life" came to Ghent! Some exciting discussions for youth included topics on dating, the Holy Spirit, Biblical inerrancy, Satan and the Occult. There was also a real emphasis on how to have an "exciting, powerful, Bible study in 15 minutes a day." It was a great time of learning and challenge.

## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Notice of meetings to be listed in this column must be received for publication at least 45 days in advance of their scheduled dates.

**Fremont, Ohio (Grace).** Nov. 9-14. Ward Tressler, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

**Akron, Ohio (First).** Nov. 12-14. Gerald Teeter, pastor; Nathan M. Meyer, speaker.

**Canton, Ohio.** Nov. 16-20. Richard E. Grant, pastor; Nathan M. Meyer, speaker.

**Osceola, Ind.** Nov. 16-21. Ward Miller, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

**Fort Wayne, Ind. (First).** Nov. 16-23. Galen Lingenfelter, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker.

**Homerville, Ohio.** Nov. 17-23. Robert Holmes, pastor; Dave Teuling, speaker.

## Wedding Bells

A six-month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to new subscribers whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Mary Alyce Merkel and Donald Eshelman, June 7, First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.

Denise Boor and Richard Loose, July 27, First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.

Carol Woomer and Craig Allenbach, Aug. 9, First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.

Wanda McClung and Douglas South, Aug. 22, Calvary Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.

Susan Snoddy and William Moyers, Aug. 23, West Homer Brethren Church, Homerville, Ohio.

Laurel Lee and Nevin Colwell, Sept. 6, West Covina Brethren Church, West Covina, Calif.

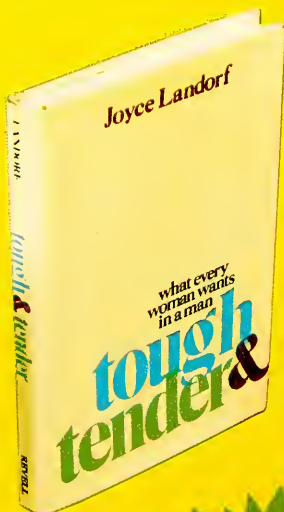
## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

*IKENBERRY, Harvey*, Sept. 1. He was a longtime member of the La Loma Grace Brethren Church in Modesto, Calif. Darrell Anderson, pastor.

*MUTH, Oscar*, Sept. 21. He was a member of the First Brethren Church, Akron, Ohio. Gerald Teeter, pastor.

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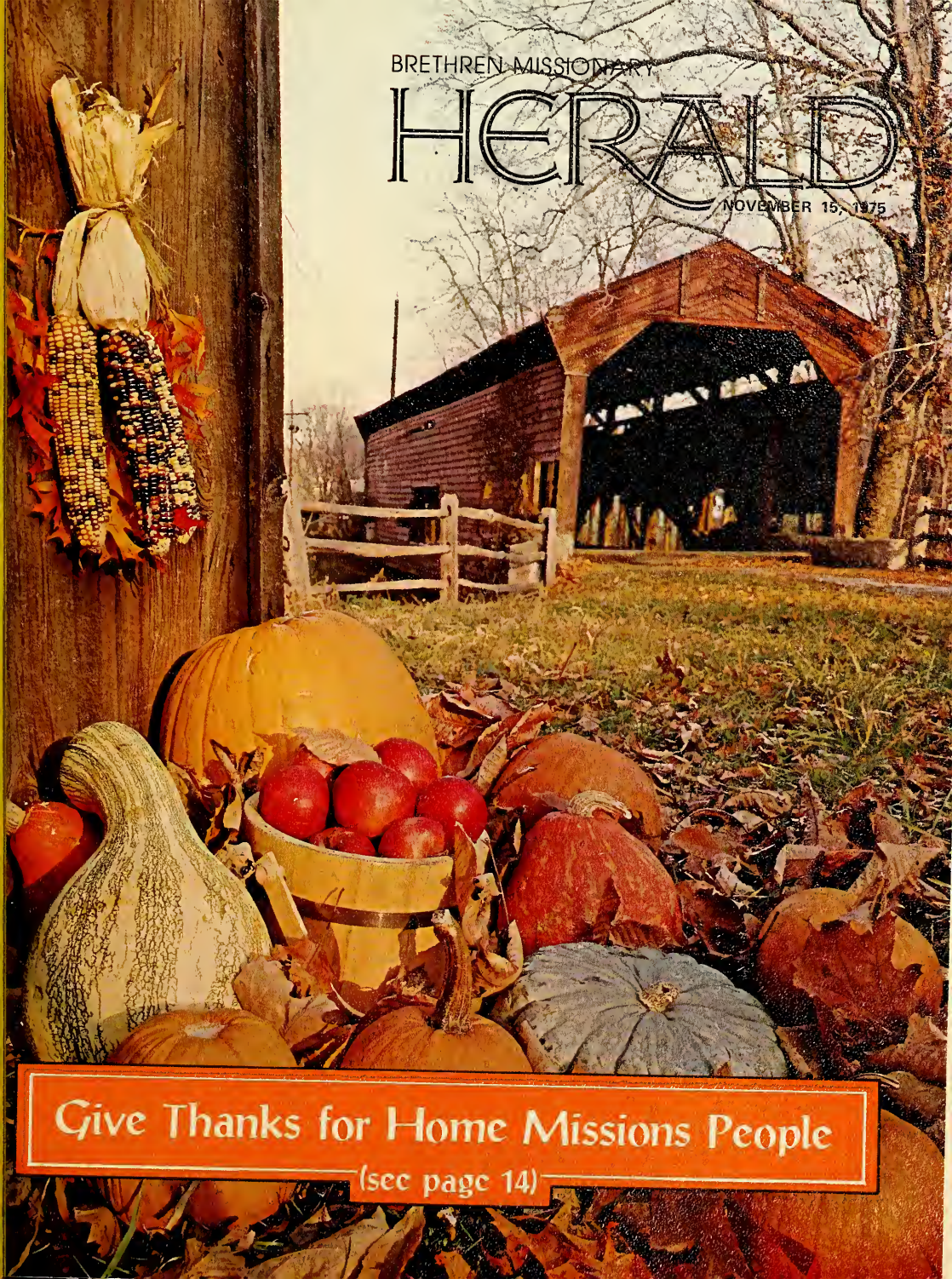
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Give Thanks for Home Missions People

(see page 14)





*Cover Photo: The harvest scene traditionally symbolizes the offering emphasis for Home Missions. Give thanks for the tremendous response of Brethren people to this ministry. (Photo by H. Armstrong Roberts)*

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## Dear Editor

□ I would appreciate having the 1976 *Brethren Annual* sent to me. The *Herald* is the best periodical coming to our home—it seems to improve with every issue. I do pray for your continued "good news" to our denomination.. — *California*

□ Just a short note to let you know how much we enjoy the Teacher's Resource Packet for Sunday School by James Long. Without the packet the study guide would be almost worthless, but with it the Sunday School Guide is valuable. Thank you so much for publishing the Study Guides.—*Pennsylvania*

□ Please do not send anymore of the Teacher's Resource Packets. I would compliment them if I called them "junk."—*Virginia*

**Ed's Note:** When you compare the two letters above it gives you some idea of why we are Grace Brethren instead of United Brethren.—**CWT**

*Address your letter to the editor, Rev. Charles W. Turner, Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. All letters must be signed, although names will not be used in the magazine.*

Inflation is not a new word at all. It has been around for generations. Fifteen years ago we could have given a vague definition if we cared to, but why worry about unimportant subjects . . . that was the domain of the economists. Today things are different because if anyone knows the difference between a nickel and a quarter, he can tell you about the practical implications of inflation. Ask a buyer in any company . . . he will tell you! Ask a housewife and then be prepared for a half-hour discourse on what has happened to her food budget. Inflation is listed as the number one problem for the majority of people these days.

It came home forcibly to me the other day when my son wanted to buy a pair of athletic shoes. When I was young (not too many years ago), we called them sneakers and they cost about a \$1.98 a pair. But if you want to give them a dignified title—so what? Jeff said he preferred Pro-Keds and that sounded a little classy for tennis shoes—but, again, no problem. I had ten extra dollars and being in a generous mood I thought I might surprise him and get him a blue pair as well as a red pair. Upon arrival at the shoe store, I casually looked around and then concluded that sneakers had come a long way. They were made of leather and looked like something Jerry Lucas would wear. When I looked at the box, the end with the price markings, I felt some mistake must have been made. The price—\$26.95.

My protests only met with an unbelievable statement—“These are not the expensive ones, Dad, the good ones cost \$35.” My “fond” memory of sneakers was never that great, to be truthful. After having worn them all day, my personal desire was to remove them from the room and put them in private isolation where they could continue to regenerate through the night by themselves. Neither their appearance nor fragrance appealed to either my eyes or nose. And now they were \$35! It seemed some cruel hoax had been perpetrated on humanity. Was this inflation or a Halloween trick? It was *inflation*, I was soon to discover.

My, how things have changed and the cost of living has gone up at an unbelievable rate! It is difficult at times to adjust my mid-aged mentality to the realities of a world gone wild. After having surrendered to the “cheap” pair and great damage to my credit card, I found myself paying a tax on my purchase just about equal to what I used to pay for the full price on shoes. As I left the store I had one bright bit of hope. My son was wearing Pro-Keds—the same kind of sneakers those guys wear who are seven feet tall and make a million dollars a year dropping a basketball through the top of a peach basket. I never made it with my old sneakers, but maybe he would.

Yet I wonder if anyone is happier than we kids were, even though we did not have so many luxuries. The beauty of being poor when I grew up was that none of us knew we were poor. We did not have a thousand politicians running around giving us “underprivileged” kids help. Our parents worked for what they got and they were too proud to take a handout. All they asked for was an opportunity to be able to work. We were taught respect for all property because it did not come easy, and it was the fruit of someone else’s labors.

It is that time of the year again when we come to Thanksgiving. It makes me realize that the possession of so many good things has caused us to only covet more, and we fail to be thankful for what we already have. Plenty, if not accepted with thanksgiving, will only result in greed. Certainly we have more than ever before, yet we complain more than we ever have in the past. Humanity is made up of a strange group of individuals—touched by sin and blinded by desire they have forgotten the Creator and the Giver of all good gifts. It is time during Thanksgiving 1975 to be reminded that God gave, not only His Son, but all precious gifts. In the midst of plenty, it is time to quit greedily grasping for everything in sight. Stop a minute and offer sincere thanks to the Heavenly Father.

## Whatever Happened to \$1.98 Sneakers?

By Charles W. Turner  
Editor





An aerial view of the Mt. Laurel, N. J., area.

# Worth the Waiting

By Pastor Robert M. Spicer

One of the most difficult lessons to learn in the Christian life is patience, but the reward is always worth the lesson. After years of working, praying, and waiting, what a joy it was on Sunday, September 14, to honor the Lord by the dedication of our new church building to Him and His work.

The Grace Brethren Church of Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, had its beginning in the Dailey home in Stratford, New Jersey, in the form of a Bible class led by Rev. Lester Smitley. That class continued to meet every Thursday evening for four years. The first Sunday worship services were held in the Stratford Fire Hall in 1966. Rev. Daniel Eshleman was called as the first full-time pastor in 1968, and the present pastor was called in the summer of 1970. The church continued to meet in the fire hall until July of 1971, at which time the piece of property now owned was found and negotiations were begun for its purchase. In order to meet closer to the future site of our church building the decision was made to move to the nearest possible temporary location, the Thomas Paine School in Cherry Hill. During this time evening services for the fall months were held in the Good News Bookstore and later on in the home of the pastor. Prayer meetings were held in the various homes of the members and friends of the church.

During these years, although progress was constant, it was very slow. The temptation was always there to give up and quit. For four years negotiations continued for the purchase of the property, subdivision approval, site plan approval, and a building permit.

Requirements among the most stringent found by Home Missions anywhere in the United States were encountered in Mt. Laurel. Again, during the period of waiting, discouragement was often felt. Could God be saying, "Not here"? Finally on March 15, 1975, a ground-breaking service was held, and construction began. Praise the Lord! It was worth the waiting!

The difficulties were still not over, however, as this summer was one of the wettest in recent years. Our low-lying ground with a clay content caused trucks to break down several times.

Neighbors, fearing their privacy was being threatened, objected to the removal of our own trees even though we were forced to replace them with 120 evergreens. This complaint even went to the Environmental Protection

Agency in Trenton, as well as to local officials who had made the requirement in the first place. Others became irate about the temporary inconvenience caused when our water and sewer lines were connected. At one point a stop order was issued by the township. Could God be saying, "Not here"? Surely not now.

Again, the wait was worth the reward, for on September 7 our first services were held in the new building. The rectangular 5,000 square-foot building was designed by the Brethren Architectural Service and financed through the Brethren Investment Foundation. The building was constructed through the competent work of A. Dandrea and Sons of Somerdale, New Jersey. We thank God earnestly for these organizations and the men working faithfully in them.



After years of waiting and setbacks, Pastor Robert Spicer is convinced the new building was worth it.

What a great day it was Sunday afternoon on September 14 at 4:00 when over 250 people met to fill the sanctuary to honor God and His work. Folding chairs were used in the overflow area to accommodate the rest of the worshipers.

During the Sunday School hour Dr. Lester Pifer, executive secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, brought a slide-tape presentation outlining the work of Brethren Home Missions. In the morning worship service he presented the challenge of the Home Missions imperative.

During the dedication service the special music was provided by the Singing Men of Grace from New Holland, Pennsylvania, and by an area Brethren choir. A historical sketch of the church was presented by Rev. Lester Smitley, and greetings were brought by Dr. Pifer. Pastor Luke Kauffman of Myerstown, Pennsyl-

vania, brought the dedicatory address emphasizing our debt to the community to spread the Gospel of Christ.

The Singing Men of Grace brought a sacred concert for the evening service, and this special day of dedication was climaxed by a baptismal service with four candidates.

Again, God has shown that His work is worth the waiting. Services have been held for three Sundays in our new building now, and at each of these services new visitors have been in attendance, with fourteen last Sunday morning. Numbers of people have phoned us asking when services begin and if they might attend. How very different for people to ask if they can come to church! Surely this is the touch of God!

Was it a long wait? Yes. Were there difficulties with much discouragement? Yes. Was God's work in Mt. Laurel worth the wait? Yes. Yes. Yes.



Rev. Luke Kauffman, district mission board president, delivered the dedicatory address.



The Singing Men of Grace from New Holland, Pa., brought an inspiring sacred concert.

# Amazingly, God Uses People

By Dr. Lester E. Pifer



Pioneering a work for God is not an easy task. Mustering the faith; discerning the time and place to start; finding the temporary facilities; encouraging "the faithful few" to launch out are just a few of the problems to be faced in starting a church. Later, keeping the flock unified and growing; finding the permanent location; planning the building; attending to the multitude of details with zoning boards, engineering offices, building inspectors . . . all add to the headaches along the way. In this maize of necessary details, priority must be given to the ministry of the Word and in relating it to the people. Visitation of the sick and a myriad of other duties regularly attending the pastor must be put on the schedule.

Only an omniscient God could foresee this stupendous task placed upon frail humanity. Divine wisdom is seen in the counsel of God when the direct responsibility and headship were placed upon Jesus Christ (cf. Col. 1:18-19). The omniscience appears in the Son when He declares: "... I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:18). Moving farther down the spectrum of the divine plan and purpose,

the providence of God is seen in the miraculous work of the Holy Spirit, God's agent, to carry out the work on earth.

Man, as important as he is in the panorama of world redemption, plays a relatively small role in God's program. However, this role is vital since he has had uniquely placed in his humanly frail hands the disposition of the Word, the witness of the message, and the communication of delegated responsibility for an organized work. His status reaches its highest echelon when we recognize the Infinite One has limited Himself to working through the human element on this earth (cf. II Cor. 5:18-20).

The Holy Spirit was directed to a specific ministry in the Old Testament. He dealt with men about their sin (cf. Gen. 6:3). He enabled men to govern nations (Joshua, for example). He equipped men for military leadership and gave physical strength and endurance in battle (cf. Judges 14-15). He gave moral and spiritual courage to His people (cf. II Chron. 24). He inspired holy men of old to prophesy and write prophetic Scripture (cf. I Peter 1:20-21). He continually reminded the people of God that big jobs were not accomplished "by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts" (Zech. 4:6).

The pace and productivity of the Spirit's ministry increased substantial-



ly in the New Testament as the Early Church was born and grew. His inspiring influence, instruction, and power moved through the apostles to the people in an ever-widening circle. The Word of God increased, the number of disciples multiplied, and great companies were obedient to the faith (cf. Acts 6:7). Questions were dealt with regarding sin, false teaching, impropriety, disputes, and organizational problems. The Church moved ahead, expanding, witnessing and extending to new territories.

God has always had His divinely appointed men to perform His work. He had a Noah, filled with grace, when judgment was sent by way of the flood. He had a Joshua, filled with courage, to lead His people into the Promised Land. He had a prophet Elijah to withstand the evil influence and force of wicked King Ahab, of Jezebel, and of the multitude of Baalites. God had a Nehemiah to build the walls of Jerusalem and to inspire His people with a will to work. He had an impetuous Peter, a dynamic Stephen, and a fearless Paul to proclaim His Word, to build His Church and to multiply its effectiveness in the early days.

Nowhere have we read that God's purpose has changed, nor His use of people and their abilities. Man, in the eyes of God, still has a vital role in the advancement of the Gospel. The Living Christ and the empowering

Holy Spirit are continually challenging and enabling people for the evangelization of the lost. Every child of God should ready himself for the call of God and for the Spirit's direction for each specific task.



How beautiful it is to see people respond to the voice of the Lord. His children responded in the establishment of our first Grace Brethren Church in the State of New Jersey. God had a Lester Smitley, a Daniel Eshleman, a Robert Spicer, and a faithful group of disciples to begin an important ministry. He had mission boards, churches, and thousands of prayerful supporters to lend a hand. He had people who could pray, preach, witness and who would not give up. Now, He has been pleased to give a partial reward for faithfulness in an ever-widening and growing ministry. Our Mt. Laurel church—its birth, its location, its growth, and its building dedication—is an example of a work of God.

Praise Him, our Lord Jesus, who with all the counsel of God has chosen to use us, the people, who have experienced His grace in salvation to share that wonderful message of redeeming grace with others!



# Schwartzes Expand Brethren Messianic Testimony

*Home Missions Editor's Note:* The Brethren Messianic Testimony, a ministry of Brethren Home Missions in Los Angeles, California, has expanded its work with the addition of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schwartz to the staff. Their full-time ministry began in September. Following is Mr. Schwartz's testimony of his conversion to Christianity and leading into this ministry.



Walter and Katherine Schwartz and daughter Catharina anticipate widening the ministry of the Brethren Messianic Testimony.

I was born in a Jewish home in 1932 and was placed in a foster home about 1935. My foster parents were of conservative Jewish background and, consequently, I had a good Jewish upbringing and attended Jewish schools early in my life and was Bar Mitzvah in 1945. Like so many young Jewish boys, I found no lasting answers in Jewish tradition and early in my life I drifted away from this upbringing. My foster parents, however, were very good to me and tried their best to influence me in the way of Judaism.

In 1953 I was drafted into the Army where I spent two years. I was discharged from the service determined to make something of my life. For three years I traveled around the United States running from myself as well as the Lord. I am sure that during that time God was dealing with me, but no one shared with me the fact that Jesus Christ was Israel's Messiah.

I began hearing the Gospel preached on the street corners of New York in 1957 and would occasionally stop and listen. At first there was little interest on my part, or so I thought, but as a result of this initial contact I began reading the New Testament for myself. After about a year of personal Bible reading I came under conviction that I was a sinner but was reluctant to confess Jesus as my Saviour.

It was at this time that I was invited to attend a service at the American Board of Missions to Jews in New York, and there learned that Jesus died for me, a Jew and a sinner. I opened my heart to the Lord and was born again in January of 1958. With this newfound faith I soon enrolled in Bible school, and in 1963 graduated with a bachelor degree in theology. The Lord seemed to close all the doors as far as a full-time ministry was concerned, but I was able to involve myself in different areas of Jewish evangelism. All during these many years I had the abiding confidence that the Lord would one day call me into His vineyard for full-time Jewish missionary work.

Shortly after moving to California, my wife and I began looking for a church that had a burden for Jews. Interestingly enough, we noted a newspaper ad that a Jewish missionary, Isobel Fraser from the Brethren Messianic Testimony in Los Angeles, would be speaking at the Grace Brethren Church of Orange. We visited the church and immediately sensed a kinship with the people. It was in June of 1972 that we were baptized and joined the fellowship in Orange. As a result of the kindly counseling of Dr. L. L. Grubb, as well as Pastor Richard DeArmey, the desire to reach my own people was kindled again. In consultation with Rev. Robert Thompson, the Western Field Secretary of The Brethren Home Missions Council, we were encouraged to begin a new thrust in Jewish evangelism in the Greater Orange County area of Southern California.

It is our hope that we will be able to reach some young people for Christ on the campuses of Southern California as well as businessmen in the area. Part of our ministry will be working with the Brethren Messianic Testimony in Los Angeles, but the bulk of our effort will be a new thrust in Orange County. The Grace Brethren Church of Orange has graciously provided office space which will help establish us in the community.

Pray that God will enable us to present the claims of Christ as the Messiah to those whom He is calling out of the nation of Israel for Himself.



# 15th Anniversary At Lancaster

**HEAR**  
**FORMER PASTOR**  
**WILLIAM TWEEDDALE**  
**THEME: "DYNAMIC LIVING"**  
**SEPTEMBER 28-OCTOBER 5**  
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Pastor and Mrs. William Tweeddale

Pastor and Mrs. Vernon Harris

## By Vernon J. Harris, pastor

Fifteen years of age! That's the milestone reached on October 5, 1975. To celebrate, former pastor, William Tweeddale, was invited back for a week of special meetings from September 28 through October 5.

The highlight of the week was a "great" Grace Brethren Rally at the Lancaster Bible College Auditorium on the final Sunday. All of the churches in the area who are part of the Lancaster Grace Brethren family attended. It was an inspiring night for the crowd of 650 people to hear representatives from each of the churches tell how God directed in the formation of each church.

For over a year the Lancaster church has been striving to reduce its debt and burn the mortgage on their 15th anniversary. This goal was reached and with Walter Fretz there to light the torch, it was a great thrill for the entire audience. Pastor Tweeddale was here when the church borrowed \$84,500 from the Brethren Investment Foundation, and I had the privilege of serving here when that indebtedness was paid off. We each had the honor of holding the mortgage while it was burned.

Mr. Fretz told us that our credit rating with the BIF was very good. I suggested that this might be the right time to talk with him about another loan. Like most bankers he was non-committal at that point!

Professor Don Ogden of Grace College arranged for a team called "The Redeemed" to come and minister in music. These five young people gave a very wonderful musical presentation. Our own Jim Stoltzfus presented two of his unusual guitar-accompanied bass solos. He is a former well-known rock singer who credits his conversion to the testimony of this church. "The Singing Men of Grace," a quartet from New Holland, prepared the way with their songs for a great message by Pastor Tweeddale.

The impact of his message was a challenge to look beyond the past and into the future, even though the growth of the churches in this area over the past 15 years has been phenomenal. He believed this growth had been by addition. The challenge he gave was to make the growth of the future one of multiplication. That can be possible through a careful process of discipleship and training in soul-winning. At the close he gave an opportunity for believers to respond to

this challenge. It was a moving appeal and many came forward. This was a phenomenal answer to our prayers.

An interesting segment of the program was called "History Time." A list of the original charter members was read. Twenty-three out of the original 28 were able to be present. Pastor Alva Conner sent us a slide-tape account of some of the early and little-known facts about the beginnings here in Lancaster. He was pastoring in Harrisburg at that time, and he placed an ad in the newspaper to see if there was any interest in a Brethren church for this area. Mr. Bob Rohrer and others responded to that ad and shortly thereafter a Bible class was started. Pastor Robert Markley, who at that time was in Palmyra, encouraged Pastor Bill Tweeddale to come to Lancaster. With the help of newspaper advertising and radio programs, God used the enthusiastic ministry of Pastor Tweeddale to produce a real success story here in Lancaster. No sooner had the first building been completed than an addition was underway. Not long afterwards, another addition was completed. From then on the growth of the church was an outreach into five



neighboring cities. Here are the testimonies from those churches as given at the Rally:

The Manheim Grace Brethren Church was represented by Mr. Martin Snively. "I am happy to be here tonight although I feel a bit out of place in this position. I missed being a charter member in Manheim by a few years. I feel that when Jesus said to His disciples 'Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all nations,' that this is exactly what the Grace Brethren churches are doing, and I'm happy to be a part of it."

The second group to leave the church started a work in Elizabethtown. Pastor Warren Tamkin told us, "In Matthew 16:18 Jesus said to us 'I will build my church.' It's a joy to be here from Elizabethtown and share with you a word of testimony as to what the Lord has done in building His Church there in that city. It was the first Sunday of April, 1965, that the initial group met in the music building along Route 230. Rev. Robert Lapp was the first pastor.

"Pastor Lapp served the Lord faithfully there in his Sunday and Wednesday ministry for one year. I arrived on the field as the first full-time pastor in 1966. In the fall of that year the Brethren construction crew arrived

and began to build our first unit. Then in 1971 the Lord enabled us to complete the new sanctuary. The Lord has been assembling together some marvelous people there in Elizabethtown for His glory. One thing that would characterize our work is the spirit of unity.

"This past August we called a full-time assistant, John Snow, for a music and youth ministry. And so it is a joy to have celebrated the 10th anniversary of our church this past April. To God be the glory, great things He has done."

The next group to leave the church went up to New Holland. The pastor is here, but he has deferred to Bob Lapp. "I wish my pastor was here in my place. I suppose I was chosen because I have had the unique opportunity to see most all of the churches come out of the Lancaster Grace Brethren Church. I also had the opportunity, as Pastor Tamkin said, of going to Elizabethtown and pastoring the work there for one year. During that year and the early part of 1966, a group of people began to think about the possibility of a work in New Holland. We were from that area, and these people invited me to join them in searching for a place to begin a ministry in New Holland Liberty Fire Hall. Our first service was September 4. We met with Mr. Pifer in July and he helped us in a very tremendous way in bringing together all the loose ends and the necessary details that we needed to begin a





Pastor Russell then added "I feel like when we arrived on the field here in July of 1970 we just stepped into a great blessing, and it has been a thrill to be a part of the Grace Brethren Fellowship here in this county."

**T**he fourth church established was Wrightsville. Pastor George Wilhelm brought a testimony from Susquehanna Grace Brethren Church. "We, too, are grateful to be used of the Lord in this area. It was the latter part of 1968 that the Lord laid upon the hearts of several people to start a work in Columbia. They asked me to come over and consider being the interim pastor. Well, after talking with them, I said we'd better hold this for a while and pray about it. In the months that followed I felt the leading of the Lord to accept this challenge, and told them I would fill in as interim pastor. It seems we couldn't get started in Columbia so we considered over to the other side of the Jordan, Susquehanna that is, to Wrightsville. We started there the last Sunday in March 1969, and had 15 present. In the fall, they asked me to be the full-time pastor, which I consented to do after much prayer. God hasn't given us great numbers, but He has blessed us with people whose souls have been saved and whose lives have been changed. On June 1 we had the ground-breaking service. Right now we have a building that's under roof, and we're waiting to put on the brick veneer. We are looking for God to do great things with us over there in Wrightsville and He is! We trust that we are going to be in this building on November 2. However, it will not be completed by then. We are really happy to be a part of this program and to be doing what God would have us do. Continue to pray for us, please!"

**T**he last group to go from the Lancaster church was Lititz, and Jerry Young told us about it. "You just heard from a church across the river and now you are about to hear from one over the hill, Kissell Hill that is. We salute you and Pastor Tweeddale, for your vision that has led to 15 years of preaching Christ in Lancaster Coun-

ty. The work at Lititz actually began in the fall of 1970 with a group of people from the Lititz area who began to pray and to meet together seeking God's guidance, in the founding of a church. The first service of the Lititz church was held the first Sunday of January, 1971, in the Rec Center. Pastor Roy Dice, who is now serving the church in Palmyra, was the pastor. I came in mid-November of that same year. There were 67 members and the attendance ran just about double. Last Sunday there were 281 in attendance and our membership approaches 200. Most of our people do not know you, that is the folk from the Lancaster Grace Brethren Church; they don't know your history; they don't know your labor of love for Jesus Christ. But I know you and I want to say, may God bless you. The vision you had, led by Pastor Tweeddale, has meant the salvation of many souls and the founding of these churches in the Lancaster area."

Mr. Walter Fretz mentioned the influence the Lancaster church and Pastor Tweeddale had in the founding of the church at Penn Valley. And I also know there were some families that went from this church up to Myers-town. So the movement of God among the Grace Brethren had a wide effect in establishing churches in this area. 🍎

church in New Holland. I've had a very important part in that and I praise God for it.

"Richard McCarthy pastored the work until 1970 at which time our present pastor, Kenneth Russell, came onto the field. We began building in 1968 and again in 1973. We have also added an extension to the present building."

The following greeting was read from Pastor Dick McCarthy: "Greetings in Christ, on this big day in your lives. Praise the Lord for it and for the way He has worked and moved and blessed in building His Church there. Praise Him, too, for the way He has led in establishing sister churches in the area. I thank you for having a part in one of these. The memory of your love and fellowship in those days is sweet. May the Lord continue to bless and use you all for His glory until He comes for us. Yours in Christ, Dick McCarthy."



# Fremont Anniversary and Much More!

By Thomas Bailey, pastor

The rewarding fact that the Grace Brethren Chapel, Fremont, Ohio, had been self-supporting for one year was the occasion for a celebration. Every Sunday is a full day at the Chapel and Sunday, September 7, was no exception.

The church had just completed a remodeling and refurbishing program with the installation of new pews and carpeting. This called for a dedication service on top of the anniversary event.

The first Sunday of September being the first Sunday of a new Sunday School year called for "promotion day." This event created new classes with new teachers and new locations which always adds to the excitement on promotion Sunday.

A special day of this proportion called for special speakers, and to start off the anniversary part Dr. Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary for The Brethren Home Missions Council, challenged us with a message from God's Word. Praise was given to God for enabling the church to become self-supporting and complete one year as such.







Pastor and Mrs. Thomas Bailey and family

*Home Missions Editor's Note:* Have you ever wondered what happens to a church that goes self-supporting? Here is a good example and Pastor Tom Bailey is some fruit of a former home mission church of which James Custer is the pastor—the Grace Brethren Church, Worthington, Ohio.)

It always takes food to really celebrate a day such as this one. As is typical of Brethren churches throughout the Fellowship, we enjoyed an afternoon carry-in meal. This one was exceptional!

The evening service was devoted to the dedication aspect, and Rev. James Custer of the Grace Brethren Church, Worthington, Ohio, set the tenor of the service by directing our thoughts to Matthew 16:18. The church had set a goal of \$6,000 for the improvements and came within \$500 of reaching it during the summer months. The dedication service included a challenge for the dedication of lives to the Lord.

Looking ahead with the starting of a new anniversary year there are still new challenges ahead for the church. Adjoining property has just become available for the church and this presents a challenge as a need for future growth and expansion.

The theme for this happy day was "To God Be the Glory," and we certainly had a lot of things to give God the glory for on this anniversary day.



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# People Giving

Dedication of Picard evangelistic team in 1970




Many people have given in many different ways to The Brethren Home Missions Council. Many have given sacrificially of their dollars to assist the work. Many have been faithful prayer warriors upholding those on the field carrying on the work.

Others have given of themselves to the full-time ministry of building robust churches that give forth the gospel message.

Yes, many have given. It is time now, however, to thank God for what He has given through these many people.

In 1939 Brethren Home Missions began with 9 mission points. Over the past 36 years, we have seen 98 churches become self-supporting. Total income that first year was \$17,417. The offering alone for Home Missions in 1974 was over \$521,000.

We must thank the Lord for the support of Home Missions by Brethren people. God's blessings are many.

Would you like to join those who are giving? You can—by supporting the ministry of Brethren Home Missions with your offerings. Would the Lord have you give? Then give thanks. 

The office staff of the early 60s



The Home Missions board of directors in August 1944



The Brethren Architectural Service of 1968



The Brethren Investment Foundation staff of 1967



The Brethren Construction Company of 1953





# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

• **The 25th Silver Anniversary** Grace Bible Conference will be held Feb. 10-13, 1976, at Winona Lake, Ind. Speakers will include Dr. Charles C. Ryrie, Dallas Theological Seminary; Dr. John White, Jr., pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.; and Dr. Kenneth O. Gangel, president of Miami Christian College, Miami, Fla. A seminary homecoming is being planned by the Alumni Dept.

## Wedding Bells

A six-month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to new subscribers whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

The following weddings were performed during the summer months at the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.:

Gail Spurrier and Mark Curtis  
Diane Green and Lodie Rogers  
Llena Fernandez and Brad Wagoner  
Vivien Byrd and Don Harkness  
Susan Landry and Richard Belt  
Deborah Barker and Geano Contessotto  
Kathy Sanford and Michael Farmer  
Renee Calero and Peter Werner  
Debbie Griffin and David Payne  
Pamela Burgess and Robert Young  
Darlene Neese and Jack Gaskins

Karen Jay Bailey and William James Rumfola, July 26, Grace Brethren Church, Seal Beach, Calif.

Rondee Jene Steiner and Bobby Dean Eagle, Aug. 3, Grace Brethren Church, Seal Beach, Calif.

Denise Lynn Glisson and Dwayne Jordan, Aug. 16, Grace Brethren Church, Seal Beach, Calif.

Gayle Lukkes and Chuck McClellan, Aug. 16, Grace Brethren Church, Kent, Wash.

Karen Ainge and Roger Simmons, Aug. 23, Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa.

Julie Littrell and Bob Ballantyne, Sept. 6, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Gale Martin and Dave Panoke, Sept. 6, Grace Brethren Church, Pompano Beach, Fla.

Marlene Taliaferro and Greg Abner, Sept. 6, Norwalk Brethren Church, Norwalk, Calif.

Karen Blachly and Albert Peralta, Sept. 20, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

Therese Daniels and Patrick Millett, Sept. 27, First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

## PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Elyria, Ohio, Nov. 23-28. Michael Wingfield, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

Waterloo, Iowa, Nov. 23-28. John P. Burke, pastor; Nathan Meyer, speaker.

Peru, Ind. Nov. 30-Dec. 3. James B. Marshall, pastor; Nathan Meyer, speaker.

Aleppo, Pa. Nov. 30-Dec. 7. Fred W. Devan, pastor; Becker Evangelistic Team.

Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale), Nov. 30-Dec. 7. Kenneth Cosgrove, pastor; Bill Smith, speaker.

• **Waterloo, Iowa.** Have you tried a *starvation* recently? On Saturday, Sept. 20, the youth departments went without food for 24 hours. In today's world, 10,000 people die every day because of starvation and malnutrition related diseases. Our young people participated in the 24-hour *starvation* for two reasons: 1) to get some idea of what it is like to be really hungry; and 2) to raise money to help relieve the hunger of some of the world's starving population. This really was a total church project. The adults helped by sponsoring the young people in pledging an amount for the young people's participation.

• **Important Notice.** In accordance with action taken by the delegates of the 1975 national conference, distribution of future issues of the *Brethren Annual* will be as follows: Three copies to each Brethren church, one copy to each Brethren minister, and one copy to each *Missionary Herald* subscriber who requests it. (Note: some churches have requested more than three copies, and the Herald Co. will honor these standing orders.) Those *Herald* subscribers who would like a copy should drop a note to the Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. A sufficient number will be printed to assure an adequate supply for everyone needing a copy. The 1976 *Annual* will be ready for distribution December 1, 1975.

• **Beaver City, Nebr.** Thanks be to God for the showers of blessings that keep falling in the state of Nebraska. The congregation of the Beaver City Grace Brethren Church has shown unsurpassing love for their new pastor and his family, Russell and Kay Betz and two sons. They have remodeled the parsonage with new carpet; new flooring and wallpaper in the kitchen; new central air furnace; and in innumerable other ways. The showers kept falling Sunday evening, Sept. 21, when the church gave their pastor and family a food shower. Pastor Russ and family continue to thank God for such wonderful people.

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

*ALBERT, Mrs. Dulcie*, Sept. 21. Always full of joy, though ill for some time, she was a member of the Grace Brethren Church of Ormond Beach, Fla.

*BARBER, Darrell W.* 39, Sept. 17. After moving to Simi, Calif., he assumed the directorship of the Child Evangelism Fellowship. He had served as pastor of the Simi Valley Bible Church and for the Grace Brethren Church of Chico. At the time of his death, Mr. Barber was serving as the assistant pastor of the Simi Community Brethren Church.

*CROW, Amos*, July 14. A member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

*HOUTBY, Donald S.*, 64, Sept. 19. He served through the years as Sunday School superintendent, teacher, deacon and youth worker. He was a faithful member of the Community Brethren Church of East Los Angeles.

*HUBA, Andrew*, Aug. 4. He was a charter member of the Grace Brethren Bible Church of Fort Myers, Fla. He freely used his skill as a builder in helping to construct the church home and served as one of its trustees.

*MILLER, Cleve G.*, 87, Sept. 12. He was a charter member of the Grace Brethren Church of Waterloo, Iowa. Over the years, he served as moderator for some 30 years. He also served for many years on the Board of Trustees of Grace Schools as well as a board member of The Brethren Home Missions Council. At the time of his death, he was a member of the deacon and official boards.

*MULLINS, James*, Aug. 15. He was a member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

*SMALS, George Russell*, 71, Sept. 9. He was a trustee of the First Brethren Church, Buena Vista, Va., for over 30 years.

*THEALL, William*, Sept. 16. He was a member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.

*WESTON, Rachel*, She was a member of the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, Calif.



• **Winona Lake, Ind.** Evangelist Bill Smith reports great blessings in crusade meetings so far this fall season. At Brookville, Ohio, Sept. 7-12 there were four public decisions for Christ; at New Troy, Mich., Sept. 14-21 there were five public decisions for Christ; at Detroit, Mich., Sept. 28-Oct. 5 there were eleven public decisions made.

# The-HERALD-BOOK-CLUB



## THIS MONTH'S SELECTION IS

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Cleveland McDonald is a professor at Cedarville College and has taught a course on marriage and family for many years.

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# News Notes

## from the Grace Campus

**SIX ENGLISH DEPT. SCHOLARSHIPS**, funded by the Edward S. Byers estate, were awarded this fall to the following English majors: Viki Cover (senior), Anette Johnson (sophomore), Nora Macon (junior), Randy Maxson (senior), Becky Pappas (senior), and Mark Witwer (junior).

**THE GRACE BIBLE CONFERENCE**, set this year for February 10-13, will have a seminary homecoming emphasis. Speakers for the event will be Dr. Kenneth O. Gangel, president of Miami Christian College; Dr. Charles C. Ryrie, dean of doctoral studies and professor of systematic theology at Dallas Theological Seminary; and Dr. John White, Jr., pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Further information and a complete schedule may be obtained by writing to Gerald Twombly, alumni coordinator, Grace Schools, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

**THE CHUCK OLSON MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT** at Grace College this year is David Rohrer, a sophomore music major. Grace was one of five colleges awarded the scholarship this year by Concert Ministries Association, a nonprofit organization whose founder and president is Chuck Olson, Christian concert and recording artist. The purpose of the scholarships is to provide encouragement and assistance to individuals planning a career or long-range involvement in a ministry of sacred music.

**TWO NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS** in Grace College have recently been approved and a third is in the exploratory stages, according to Academic Dean Dr. Vance Yoder. Recently approved were a Christian ministries major and a two-year Bible Certificate program. The ministries major is designed as a pre-seminary program and requires background courses in counseling, education in the local church, evangelism, missions, speech and drama, and church music. The two-year certificate program involves earning 30 hours of credit in Bible courses and 33 hours of general education courses. Dr. Stephen Dearborn is advising the new programs.

Also currently under consideration is a family and child development major which would, in part, be preparatory to a home economics-type program.

**BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT** have been changed this year to the weekend prior to final exams. Baccalaureate will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 15, and commencement will be Sunday, May 16, at 2:30 p.m. This new arrangement is expected to encourage alumni events at commencement time and also accommodate the seniors who do not need to take final exams.

**TOURING GROUPS FROM GRACE** will be busy both during the winterim period in January and over spring break, March 27-April 4. The college concert choir will be in Florida during the winterim, and the sophomore choir will tour the East during spring break. Over the winterim the Dimensions in Brass will tour the middle eastern seaboard, and the basketball team will be in the Pennsylvania-Washington, D.C., area. Also over the winterim, the Aletheia singing group will be in Southern California. In the spring the drama troupe will tour Pennsylvania and Ohio.

**A FIVE-MEMBER EVALUATION TEAM** from North Central Association was scheduled to be on campus the dates of November 10-12 this fall to give Grace College its final examination in the regional accreditation process. Chairman of the team was Dr. Laurence N. Barrett of Kalamazoo College, Michigan. Other members included Dr. Evangeline Bollinger, vice president for academic affairs of Saint Xavier College in Chicago; Dr. Hugh T. McElwain, associate professor of religious studies at Rosary College in Chicago; Dr. Norma Noonan, professor of political science at Augsburg College in Minneapolis; and Dr. Francis W. Yow, professor of biology at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio. The final decision on Grace's accreditation will be announced on March 31, 1976, by NCA.



# Grace Enrollment Again Tops 1,000

According to a statistical report issued recently by James Shipley, registrar for Grace Schools, total enrollment for the college and seminary has topped 1,000 for the second year in a row, with the total enrollment this fall being 1,037. This includes 681 enrolled in Grace College and 356 in Grace Theological Seminary.

The college experienced a slight drop this year, mainly in part-time students, from its total of 731. There are 354 men in the college this fall, as compared to 327 women. There are also 110 married students in the undergraduate program, and 478 are resident students (living on campus) while 203 are non-resident or commuters.

Regarding denominational affiliation, this year's college student body is 48.16 percent Grace Brethren, compared with 46.37 percent last year. Of the various districts of the NFBC, Northcentral and Northeastern Ohio have the greatest number of students with 72; Indiana has 63; Southern California-Arizona has 42; and North Atlantic has 31. In addition to the Grace Brethren, there are 18 other denominations or fellowships represented, and 119 students are "non-denominational or independent."

College students have come to Winona Lake this fall from a wide geographical distribution, including 41 states and three foreign countries. Indiana has the largest representation with 225; 154 are from Ohio; Pennsylvania has sent 75; Michigan has 54; and California has 43. There are seven students from Africa, four from Canada, and two from Brazil this fall.

Grace Theological Seminary, the graduate school of theology, this fall enrolled 356, which includes 322 men, 34 women, and 274 who are married. The largest number of these, 280, are in the three-year Master of Divinity program. Twenty-six are part-time students, 21 are working on the Certificate in Biblical Studies, 17 are earning the Master of Theology degree, and there are six students each in the Diploma in Theology and Doctor of Theology programs.

The National Fellowship of Brethren Churches currently has 86 members in the seminary student body. Indiana is the home of 28 of these, while 24 are from Ohio. Seventeen other denominational groups are represented, including eight different Baptist groups.

Regarding geographical distribution, the seminarians represent 40 of the United States and seven foreign countries. Indiana has the largest representation with 69; 62 are from Ohio; 24 are from Pennsylvania; 20 are from Michigan; Florida and Illinois each have 16; California has 14; and New Jersey has 13 currently enrolled. There are three students from Canada and three from India; two are from Africa, and Jamaica also has two. Japan, Peru, and Puerto Rico each have one student at Grace Seminary.

Regarding undergraduate education, Grace College currently has 53 alumni in the seminary. Other schools represented include Cedarville College, 19; Ohio State University, 15; Florida Bible College, 13; and Princeton University, 11. In all, 133 different colleges, universities, and undergraduate institutions are represented in the seminary student body. There are also transfer students from eight other seminaries. ☛

# Recycled



I was a piece of junk in the Public Dump of the Lost and Discouraged—unclean, useless, and unworthy. But I was fortunate. Someone came along looking for once-clean articles to “recycle.” His message had a way of making even me feel worthy, clean, and useful. But, He warned, the task of recycling may not be easy if done incorrectly. The various recycling plants are many. Some are good and are true to the real plan for recycling, while others are interested only in external “cleaning up.”

So the choice was mine. I could stay in the dump and “clean up” a little, or go all the way. I decided to trust completely in the full recycling process and in the “recycler” who would do the real work.

Of course, this small analogy is an illustration of what my life was before and after it was touched by Jesus Christ, my personal Saviour. On December 10, 1974, my life and my wife’s were changed as we gained a whole new outlook on life and our future. We had hope.

To the ecologist, recycling refers to the process whereby useless items are remade and formed into a completely new and usually useful item. I wanted to be the vessel that God had intended me to be; to reach my full potential for the Lord. I did not want to be complacent with my gift of new life and put it in a handkerchief and bury it, as did the foolish servant in the parable in Matthew 25:14-30.

I knew that to serve God effectively I had to be educated in His ways, and I needed to learn to use the gifts He had given me for serving Him. Education was definitely the answer. But in that answer also lies a question; which school?



**By Chuck Houston**  
*Grace College Sophomore*

*(Grace Schools Editor's note: Chuck Houston, who only recently has become a follower of Christ, is a member of the Community Brethren Church of Whittier, California, John Mayes, pastor. Upon finishing college, Houston plans to enter Grace Theological Seminary.)*

Careful and prayerful consideration was the next step. I needed a school where I could learn what God had planned for my life, act upon those plans, and where I could be taught by men and women who loved the Lord as I wished to love Him. God knew what I wanted, and, most important, knew what I *needed*. The answer He gave to my wife and me was Grace College and Grace Theological Seminary.


"To Know Christ and to Make Him Known" is so much more than a mere slogan at Grace. It is a *real commitment* I have felt in each of my classes. The entire staff, from the president on down, work with the students and their elected leaders in all facets of the students' life. Spiritual life, as well as the academic side, is constantly stressed. To some people the idea of beginning each class period with a prayer, and in many instances a challenge from the Word of God, may not seem to be so new or exciting. But to *this* Christian, it is an inspiring experience spiritually and educationally.

I learn how to put into action today what God set down for us centuries ago through the prophets and apostles. For

the first time I see World History as the unveiling of God's eternal plan, and Sociology becomes a means to find society's problems and apply God's cure to them. Each subject is Christ-centered for the express purpose of reaching people for Him.

I thank the Lord for each class, each instructor, each fellow student, and each student leader I come in contact with each day. I also pray for the churches and individuals who support this college and support the things for which it stands, and pray for continuance of their gifts to it.

My wife and I left our jobs, our families, our friends, and drove 2,275 miles pulling our possessions in a trailer from Whittier, California, just to attend Grace College. We are not in the least bit disappointed or sorry.

Through this "recycling plant for Christ," and with the continued grace of the Father, I am certain that we shall emerge someday as the people we were intended to be—clean, purified, completely recycled vessels full of the love of Christ and freely pouring out that same love to others. We thank the Lord for our salvation in Jesus, and for Grace College, where He lives and is made known. 





# Surely the Coming of the Lord Draws Near

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt

As the news of the world pours in, it seems evident that the darkest hour of human history is almost upon us. In almost every quarter of the globe, war clouds hang low on the horizon. Famine is an ever-present menace to millions, with some countries facing revolution. Akin to this problem is the financial situation that confronts all mankind. From famine, pestilence, earthquakes, and persecution, multitudes are dying. Religious persecution in large areas of the world is very much a part of the modern scene. Universal disturbance in the fabric of nature is a phenomenon of this day.

All these devastating disorders within the framework of life in this late twentieth century make one think of the opening of the first six seals of the Book of Revelation, chapter 6. The second seal is war on a worldwide scale. The third seal unlooses famine and economic dearth all across the land. The fourth seal is marked by death from a variety of causes. Religious persecution characterizes the fifth seal. Then the loosing of the sixth seal is followed by physiological disturbance that runs its course throughout nature. Perhaps what we are seeing today is only the token of those things that will actually take place when the seven-sealed book is opened, but they characterize the scene of experience today.

One thing seems so very clear in these days of strife and confusion. The world of mankind is looking for a man, one in whom all the qualities for leadership are present, a man who in the exercise of the qualities can lead the world out of its chaos and disorder into peace and prosperity. This is the man depicted under the first seal of Revelation 6. He comes riding on a

white horse, conquering and to conquer. But this man, despite the tokens of good he displays before the world at the outset of his career, very shortly turns out to be the beast, the Antichrist, the greatest monster of iniquity the world has ever seen. But once he has been accepted, followed, and worshiped by mankind, it will be too late to reverse the decision (Rev. 13:3-4, 8).



**NUCLEAR WARFARE IS AN IMMINENT THREAT**

Even though we are hearing very little about thermonuclear warfare today, it is still a growing threat to the whole world. The first round of concern and talk relating to the possible outbreak of atomic warfare has died down. The reason for this was due to other pressing situations facing the nations of men. But the peril is still there, and it is growing worse. A recent broadcast pinpoints the danger to the United States. Where once an attack of atomic power from Russia might mean the death of some 800,000 people, now the prospects are that one out of every ten could suffer death and millions more could be seriously injured. This means that twenty millions could die and millions beyond that could experience mutilation.

If there is any relation to thermo-

nuclear warfare and the wholesale death experienced at various points during the period of the tribulation, then one-fourth of the population could suffer death from this power as set forth in Revelation 6:8, and very shortly after that a third of those who are left (Rev. 9:15, 18). This could mean that more than half the population is snuffed out in a very short period of time. Computed in terms of the population of the earth in our day, now approaching four billion, it would mean that two billion or more would disappear from the scene in a relatively short time.



**BUT CONSIDER THE PROSPECTS OF WORLD FAMINE**

There have been famines in the course of history that have been devastating. But today the spectre of famine looms larger than ever before. This is in part due to the fact that the population explosion has aggravated the situation. There is a hunger crisis today. Famine stalks abroad. Every day 10,000 people die of starvation. Some efforts have been made to alleviate this horror, but they are tragically inadequate. With the dawn of each day 203,000 more mouths are born pleading for food, amplifying the terrifying dimensions of the problem. In India alone, 30 million persons face starva-

tion within the next few months. Sixty million children are undernourished, 25 million of whom may suffer blindness because of Vitamin A deficiency. Calculations are being made which suggest that 200 million people in the world will die of starvation within the next 10 years.

This deplorable situation has tragic implications. Some are suggesting that unless this problem can be solved very shortly, nation after nation can erupt into physical violence and political revolution. This is one strong reason why nations break over the boundaries of other nations in search of land and food. Desperate people do desperate things, and some feel that the issue over food is even more explosive than atomic warfare. Perhaps the words of Winston Churchill, spoken to the Baldwin Government before World War II when confronting the Nazi peril, could be used today in confronting the black horse of famine: "So they go on in strange paradox, decided only to be undecided, resolved to be irresolute, adamant for drift, solid for fluidity, all-powerful to be impotent."

But the dimensions of the threatening hunger-caused world holocaust are of such proportions that no nation really has the solution. It was possible to do something as the nations faced the Hitlerian peril. But here is something that defies the resources of mankind and the most astute intellects among men. Here is a problem that God alone can solve. International conferences are being held for the purpose of exploring solutions to this problem, but so far all they have produced is food for thought and not much of that.

At this point the Church is dangerously near to forsaking its God-given task and exhausting itself in an effort to solve this gigantic social problem. Where the Church has moved in this direction, it has lost its vision and grown spiritually cold and apostate. In fact, today there are many groups who are so moved with compassion for the spectre of famine, as it stalks abroad throughout Asia and Africa, that they are on the verge of turning their efforts and resources in the direction of alleviating physical suffering.



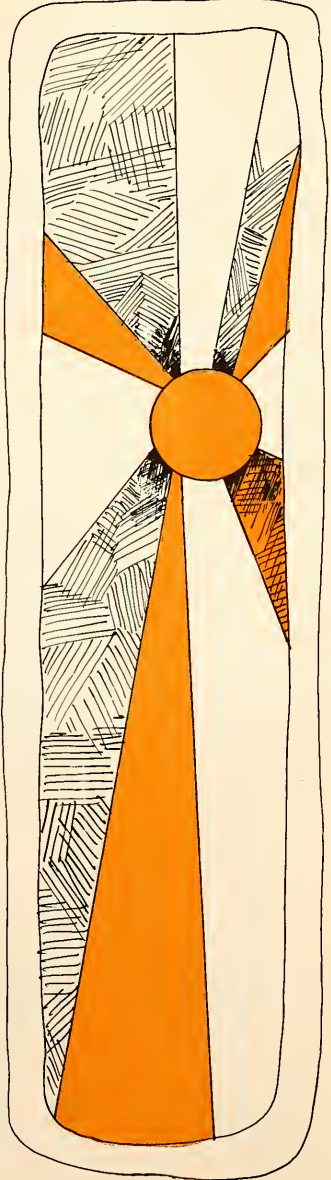
### THERE IS A GREATER FAMINE OF THE WORD OF GOD

Considering the fact that 70,000,000 people are born into the world every year to add to the world's population, and among those already here only a very small portion ever hear the Word of God, is it not essential for the Church to follow the marching orders of the Lord Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8), doing what is possible to alleviate physical suffering without curtailing the ministry of the Word? That is the purpose of Grace Schools. It has been the purpose of Grace Schools from its outset, and the reason lies in the fact that we believe it is better to follow the command of our Lord, even though it is difficult at times to reconcile it with all the facts that confront us on the human scene.

The alleviation of physical suffering may last for a day, for a week, or for a human lifetime. But there is the continuation of existence beyond the present into the unending future. Those who partake of the bread of life and drink the water of life shall live forever. Those who miss this, even though physical life is sustained for a period of time, will pass into a Christless eternity.

A strong case can be made for a ministry to the suffering peoples of earth, and there are passages in the Bible that can be marshaled to support this claim, but care should be taken to recognize the priorities of the Scripture. Without a doubt the emphasis upon the spiritual comes first. Every effort should be made to alleviate the famine of hearing the words of the Lord. If in the course of this it is possible to meet some of the needs of hungry people, by all means it is the obligation of the Christian to do it. But dedication to the second should not eclipse the first. What men may

accomplish on a diminutive scale now, Christ will accomplish all across the world when He sets up His kingdom. Every soul born into the kingdom brings that event nearer. This is the time for renewed effort to win the lost in order to hasten the coming of the Lord. Even so, come Lord Jesus!





# Homecoming 1975

## Grace Schools

October 4-5



photos by Doug Conrad

1—SOCCER IS AN IMPORTANT PART of Homecoming activities at Grace College. In this year's Homecoming contest, Huntington College handed Grace a 3-2 setback in overtime. Denny Lapp and Felix Akinomide did the scoring for the Lancers.

2—BLOWING HIS HORN to cheer the Lancers on to victory was a member of the pep band, Jeff Rossbach. A senior music education major, Jeff is from Altoona, Pa.

3—"A TIME FOR ALL AGES" would best describe Homecoming activities on the college campus. Enjoying the soccer game, along with the younger set, were Grace Retirement Village residents Dr. Russell D. Barnard (l.) and Dr. Homer A. Kent, Sr. (r.).





4-LANCER FANS ARE SILHOUETTED AGAINST THE SKY in the light of the big bonfire at Friday night's pep rally. (photo by Greg Howell)

5-QUEEN SUSAN DOWNS and her Homecoming court reigned over the weekend's festivities. Members of the court and their escorts were (front row, l. to r.) Susan Downs, Tom Smith; (middle row, l. to r.) Kim Osborne, Randy Weimer, Lonnie Skiles, Nancy Moore; (back row, l. to r.) Clayton Bjurstrom, Kay Hoffman, Kathy Shirley, Fred Walker, Dave Manduka, and Brenda Frazier.

6-HAVING HER CAKE AND EATING IT, TOO, was 1975 Homecoming Queen Susan Downs during the queen's reception at the Winona Hotel Friday night. Susan is from Radford, Va., and is a senior elementary education major. She has been active in gymnastics at Grace and is currently a member of the college concert choir.





The 1975 Grace Schools Alumni Fund Campaign, utilizing the theme "Send Aid," is now well on its way, according to Grace Alumni Coordinator Gerald Twombly. The entire thrust of the three-month campaign this year, in both the college and the seminary, will be to provide significant increases in amounts of student aid available. Receipts from this drive will be channeled approximately 25 percent into loan funds and 75 percent into direct grants and scholarships.

According to financial aid officers at Grace, the combined effects of inflation and decreasing aid funds are causing great hardship for a number of students who could profit from a Grace education. During the 1971-72 school year, for example, the school received \$214,801 from the federal government for various student aid programs. By this past school year, that amount had decreased to only \$92,809.

Expressing the same situation in terms of "aid available per student," it should be noted that although the college enrollment increased from 447 to 731 during the years 1966-1974, yet the total amount of student aid funds available remained about the same. The net effect is that fewer and fewer students are being aided as the school grows.

Rev. Ivan French, instructor in Theology and Church History, is the campaign chairman for the seminary alumni. Heading up the drive among the college alumni is Dr. Stephen Young, assistant professor of Speech in the college.

Alumni and friends having specialized interests are encouraged to designate their gifts toward those ends. All undesigned gifts will go toward the student aid project. The campaign, which opened October 1, will continue through December 31.



# Church Finance

You do it, and so does every other taxpayer, including your pastor. You avoid paying the taxes you don't owe.

"Avoiding" taxes is much different than "evading" taxes. *Evade* the payment of taxes you owe, and you may very well end up in jail. *Avoid* paying taxes you don't owe and you're up to nothing more than what the Internal Revenue Service expects.

Taxes are not optional. You don't decide whether or not you are going to pay. If you are required to pay, you pay.

Unlike other taxes, though, computing the income tax you owe is left up to you. You figure out what you owe. No one sends you a bill—you have to know the rules. You have to know what is taxable, what is not.

The income tax, like any tax, is not a voluntary tax either. No one expects you to make a charitable contribution to the U.S. Treasury by overpaying the income tax you owe. You are expected to pay what you owe, no more.

Some taxpayers, however, have tried to find ways in which they could reduce taxes by "overlooking" certain items. That's called *evading* taxes. It's illegal, a deliberate attempt to pay less tax than is owed.

*Avoiding* the payment of taxes is simply the prudent and correct way to go about computing your tax liability. And you do it all the time whether you realize it or not. Call it a loophole or a tax break or a tax shelter or whatever, there are many ways in which you are able to avoid paying taxes you don't owe. You do it, so does your pastor.

For example, you deduct the contributions you make to your congregation because that's a way to reduce taxable income and avoid paying more tax than you owe. Medical expenses, interest, taxes—these are all ways in which you can legally reduce your taxable income.

Your pastor, because of ordination and responsibilities associated with being a minister of the Gospel, is able to avoid taxes, too—more taxes because of special tax rules uniquely applicable to clergy.

The most important item to clergy for reducing tax liability is the exclusion from income of the rental value of a parsonage or a housing allowance to the extent used. That income is tax free. Besides, pastors may also deduct various professional expenses from their income and exclude the value of certain benefits paid on their behalf by their congregations, much the same as many other employees.

In fact, you can help your pastor increase take-home pay and keep tax liability at no more than is required simply by knowing the laws applicable to clergy and then arranging your pastor's pay plan accordingly.

Your pastor doesn't want to pay any more tax than is legally due. Neither do you. But the way in which the pastor can avoid certain tax liabilities is often up to the congregation. Put a plan together right and you can boost your pastor's net take-home pay, sometimes rather dramatically.

And that's one of the things this syndicated column is all about: how you can pay your pastor more without boosting your church budget very much, sometimes not at all. Housing, pensions, car allowance, insurance—these and many more items can boost pay, cut your costs, too, as well as please your pastor an awful lot, if you do it right. I'll be writing about them all in future columns.

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# A Boy . . .

**someone who passes through your life,  
and then disappears into an adult.**

**The results are up to you.**

**Will you help?**

*11 Timothy 2:2*

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Conference dates will be August 6-13, 1976, with the Christian Education Convention scheduled for August 6 and 7.

Location will be the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, California. The Children's Conference will be held at the North Long Beach Brethren Church. Youth Conference will be located at Point Loma College, near San Diego, California.

Theme will be "Born Free"—with the program designed around the Bicentennial celebration.

Sunday night patriotic musicale (August 8) will be one service you won't want to miss! It will be an outstanding musical program emphasizing "Freedom in the Nation."

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# "To Advance the Gospel"

## MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

BY SCOTT WEAVER

I want to express my thanks to those who made it possible for me to share this honor of being moderator of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. I do count it a great privilege.

Let me say that even this points to the state of the Church. I did not come into the Brethren Church until 1953. Often I have heard it said that "unless you were born into the Brethren Church, you could not do much." Personally, the Fellowship has been very kind to me, and I have felt very happy and pleased to be a part of it.

It is difficult for me to know just how to present myself, since one former moderator suggested ballet leotards and sang for us. Then another started the white shoe fad. Last year Pastor Ashman spelled out what the moderator's address was all about. He told us that its purpose was to present the general spiritual condition of the Fellowship. I want to follow this idea by presenting a Bible message concerning discipleship. After all, this is what really determines the state of our churches.

Undoubtedly each of us could present a view. Our view would depend upon several factors: our vision, our age, where we view it from, what we want to measure, our biases, and our "pet" ideas.

It is Biblical to evaluate the state of our churches, for the Apostle Paul seemed to do this over and over in his epistles. He pointed out 14 major problems in the Corinthian Church. It seemed to be in the worst condition of all the churches of his day.

The Holy Spirit also gave John a vivid picture of the state of the Church in the Revelation. Here the entire history of the Church was reviewed. There were always good points, but it seemed the bad ones overshadowed the good.

It is always hard to talk about the Church without defining what we are talking about. I am not going to discuss the material buildings as these will be presented by Home Missions and other groups of our Fellowship. Basically, we are in good condition so far as buildings go. As I have visited various churches, I feel that God has really blessed. Brethren people have given their money sacrificially for this cause. Home Missions is to be commended for the fine work they have done in planning, financing, and building.

I want to talk about DISCIPLES (individual believers), as this is the most crucial and vital element of the Church as it relates to our Lord Jesus Christ.

"DISCIPLE" is basically a New Testament word. It appears once in the Old Testament in Isaiah 8:16 and over 250 times in the New Testament. In the New Testament it is found only in the Gospels and the Book of Acts. It means a "taught or trained one." The Greek word can be translated "scholar." Believers are to be learners and Jesus is the teacher, through the Holy Spirit. We read in the Bible that "Jesus began to do and to teach" (Acts 1:1).

When the multitudes came together unto Him He had compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd and He began to teach them many things (cf. Mark 6:34).

"And seeing the multitudes, He went up into a mountain: and when He was set, His disciples came unto Him: And He opened His mouth, and taught them" (Matt. 5:1-2).

"He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Matt. 7:29).

Many recognized Him as a teacher, but failed to see that He was God in the flesh.

Some even today have this same problem. As Jesus taught He was positive and often very emphatic. Jesus taught, to a large extent, in the first person:

"I and the Father are one" (John 10:30).

"... I am the resurrection, and the life" (John 11:25).

"... I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

"... I am the light of the world" (John 8:12)

"... I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture" (John 10:9).

His teaching was simple but powerful. He gave direct instructions as to what He expected of His disciples.

DISCIPLESHIP is a broad term involving many precious privileges and many weighty and solemn responsibilities. Let us briefly think about some of these.

(1) *While the word "disciple" cannot be found in Peter's epistles, he does lay down some of the responsibilities.*

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). Far too many in our Fellowship have not matured in their knowledge of the truth of Christ. "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat" (Heb. 5:12).

None of us have made the progress we might and ought to have made. We should apply ourselves with renewed vigor to attain unto the "excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:8)... and "to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge..." (Eph. 3:18-19). To grow in knowledge and in all grace, we must sit at the feet of Christ and learn of Him.

Year after year only 25 percent of our churches morning worship service attend prayer meeting, and only 50 percent attend the evening service. This indicates that many feel no need of learning more about Jesus.

In Luke 11:1, "And it came to pass, that, as He was praying in a certain place,

when He ceased, one of His disciples said unto Him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." One of the first and most important lessons to be learned by the Christian disciple is prayer. Prayer is the Christian's vital breath. One of the first things noticed in Paul's life was "... behold, he prayeth" (Acts 9:11). A prayerless Christian is a contradiction. A Christian trying to live without prayer is like the old saying, he is "like a fish out of water." When 3,000 souls were saved on the Day of Pentecost, the Word says that they "continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

I have heard us ask for power and talk about souls, but have not seen any increase in prayer meeting attendance. People often offer the excuse "I don't know how to pray." The best way to learn is to attend prayer meetings regularly. Not many of us would belong to a church without a prayer meeting. If we are to go forward it must start here. No church will prosper without prayer. No Fellowship of churches can have God's blessing without prayer. I would suggest that we make an all out effort in this area, and God will bless the other needs.

The Sunday evening services need better attendance, also. Many say they don't need to attend in the evening. It is possible to gain much knowledge on our own, but this will never take the place of attendance in the services. Oftentimes Brethren will pride themselves in giving while only attending services on a very limited basis. We cannot buy knowledge any more than we can buy salvation. Faith comes through hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Rom. 10:17).

One of the reasons that the cults and the charismatic movement have made inroads into our churches is that our people have not grown in their knowledge of Christ.

I want to commend the Christian Education Board and the Brethren Missionary Herald Company for the fine Sunday School lessons of recent months. They are helping to teach vital Biblical truth to our people. The need now is for more Brethren to attend the Sunday School classes—especially in the adult department.

A DISCIPLE ought to really desire to

learn of Jesus. It is urgent in these days that we know more and more of the teachings of our Lord.

(2) *As disciples of Christ we should not only grow in knowledge, but we should be fruitful in every good word and work, and filled with all the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.* What is required of us is fruit—much fruit—fruit both good in *quality* and abundant in *quantity*. Jesus said, “Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be MY DISCIPLES” (John 15:8). Many talk of “quality” and say they are not interested in “quantity.” As I look at the teaching of our Lord, He was saying *much fruit glorifies the Father*. We should be concerned with both quality and quantity. This is only possible to those who live in vital union with Christ. If the bond of union is nothing more than the thread of outward profession, then we shall bear nothing but leaves. I can tell when my fruit trees and plants are going to bear fruit. They look strong, have good color, and have lush growth. I am interested in an abundant crop. Occasionally one will turn pale, the leaves fall, and consequently no fruit! It takes all the strength it has to stay alive, let alone bear fruit. Many of our church members are like this. They are struggling to stay alive spiritually. The Apostle Paul said, “. . . many are weak and sickly among you . . .” (I Cor. 11:30). Much of the pastor’s work and preaching is spent on sick members.

It is difficult often to find time to counsel with new converts, visit the sick, and care for the spiritually healthy. It seems that many times just the weak and sickly get attention; and observe, this is certainly not building up our churches numerically.

The closer we are to Jesus the more fruitful we will be. Jesus appointed us as disciples to be good witnesses for Him. With such small annual increases it is hard to believe that many are bearing fruit. Many of our churches are hardly staying alive. As I look at the Sunday School reports and statistical reports there are few that are getting the job done. How are they doing it? The lay people (DISCIPLES) are out witnessing and bearing fruit. If some are doing it, why can’t we all? I would suggest that we get charged up and be deter-

mined to bear fruit, and the rest will catch on! Pastors would be shocked and churches revitalized. One of the bad side effects is that we are not having candidates for the foreign mission field nor young men for the pastorate. If we fail to be soul-winning lay people, then there will be no challenge to serve Him full time. Remember that every missionary and every pastor was once a layman. As fruitful disciples, each one wanted to be even more fruitful. So, they committed themselves to full-time service. If we are to grow numerically, then we must all bear fruit. In proportion to the closeness and constancy of our union with Christ, we will bear fruit! One limb on a tree can be injured and not bear fruit, while the rest may be normal.

Not long ago I noticed one limb on a tree getting yellow, while the rest of the tree looked healthy and strong. Upon examination I found that its fellowship with the rest of the tree had been injured and it was not getting life-giving fluids. It took surgery, medication, and repair. It will be a while until it fully recovers. Remember that the church is made up of many members. Some need surgery and medication. Their fellowship must be fully restored if they are to be fruit-bearing disciples.

(3) *Jesus gave another command to His disciples. “Take up your cross and follow Me.”* This is not a once-in-a-life-time command, but we should be willing to take up the cross “daily” according to Luke 9:23. “Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after Me, cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:27).

We may picture to ourselves a smooth and easy course, but Jesus tells us we must be “cross-bearers.” I do not know what all that might impose upon a disciple, but it certainly does not sound easy and pleasant. Jesus did not seek to allure and deceive us by concealing the difficulties and hardships. Sometimes, to hear us tell it, we are always on the mountaintop with a Jericho victory! But I would remind you there are the “Ai’s.” Satan usually shows the best and hides the hardships. Jesus shows the worst with the best, the trials with the comforts, the labor as well as rewards, the cross and the crown.

This road which Christ describes, I am sure, has cut the number of disciples down!



It appears to me from my vantage point, that there are few who are really willing to suffer for Christ. This is a difficult hour to be a Christian. It will cost you to be a disciple. The cross you may have to bear may be to endure reproach "for Jesus' sake."

It may mean to suffer giving up certain pleasures, patient endurance, sweat and tears; but remember, as a disciple, you are called upon to do it. It seems to me many disciples today are not willing to pay the price. Every disciple who expects to serve Christ must *expect* the experience of the cross. It is not for us as disciples to murmur and faint under it, but to boldly endure it. Let's stop feeling sorry for ourselves and recognize that others have borne a more difficult cross than ours. You *can* "do all things through Christ Jesus, our Lord." The One who called you will assist you. He has promised never to leave you nor forsake you (Heb. 13:5).

(4) *Jesus said it was essential to the spirit of a disciple that he should be willing to surrender all he has and is to Him.* Jesus said, "If any man come to Me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26). "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:33).

This was the crux of the question asked of Peter, "Lovest thou Me more than these? (John 21:15).

A young lady, the only daughter of prosperous parents, was warned that if she became a Christian she must forfeit her home, an education, and a sizable inheritance. One night at an evangelistic service she accepted Christ and decided to follow Him at any cost. When she told her parents, they became very upset and gave her until nine o'clock the next morning to decide either to change her mind or pack her suitcase. She went to her room and began to read her Bible and pray. She read Matthew 10:37—"He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me..." The next morning at five to nine she walked downstairs with her suitcases. Her parents were stunned. She sat down at the piano and began to play and sing:

Jesus, I my cross have taken

All to leave and follow Thee;

Destitute, despised, forsaken,

Thou, from hence, mine all shall be:

Perish every fond ambition,

All I've sought, and hoped, and known;  
Yet, how rich is my condition!

God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,

They have left my Saviour, too;  
Human hearts and looks deceive me;

Thou art not, like men, untrue;  
And, while Thou shalt smile upon me,

God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends may shun me;  
Show Thy face, and all is bright.

As she finished her parents were weeping, and asked how to be a Christian.

The Lord was saying that we are to hold everything with a loose hand, ready to give it up, if called upon to do so. These things are to be enjoyed in and for God. We are to realize that we are pilgrims, just passing through this world. The Lord wants first place in our hearts, if we are to be His disciples.

Some things must be completely abandoned, such as: ungodly companions, slothfulness, sinful indulgences and practices—everything that is immoral and unholy.

There must be some Bible separation in our lives. I am not talking of a legalistic, pharisaical attitude of self-righteousness. Many times it is not that we are involved in vile and wicked acts of sin; but we can have such attachment to our homes, our loved ones, and our own personal welfare that we do not want to serve the Lord! This makes us unfit to be disciples.

We have an example of this surrender of spirit in the Apostle Paul. He said, "what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ" (Phil. 3:7).

Jerome also gave us an example of this requirement. "If my father should stand before me, my mother hang upon me, I would break through my brethren, throw down my mother and tread under feet my father, that I might the faster cleave unto Christ Jesus, my Saviour."

As a National Fellowship of Brethren Churches we need to be more submissive to our Lord Jesus Christ. Letting Him have first place in our hearts and lives, not serving for personal gain; but because we love

the Lord Jesus!

It seems to me there is less of a spirit of sacrifice and submissiveness than there was 10 to 15 years ago. Young men and women are not giving themselves for full-time Christian service because they can make more money in the secular world. This has always been true. It has always cost something to be a disciple. Perhaps our young people do not see much sacrifice in our Brethren homes.

I met a young man in France who gave personal testimony to me, saying: "I am a missionary on the foreign field today because I remember during the depression every Saturday night Mother and Dad set money aside for foreign missions. Their sacrifice challenged my heart!" I believe we would have better response from our young people for candidates for the foreign fields if more mothers and dads were willing to sacrifice and be submissive to Jesus. We have been living in an age of materialism. Everybody wants *things*, and few are willing to obey our Lord in this aspect of discipleship. Material things are not wrong in themselves, but they destroy our fellowship with our Lord and His service. Let's really examine ourselves to see what we are being submissive to!

(5) *The last area of DISCIPLESHIP that I want to mention is that of being an aggressive disciple.* We have in recent months seen lots of aggressive and demonstrative folks come on the scene for politics. I have often said in my heart, "Lord, why can't we Christians be like that?"

An illustration of how we often present ourselves is found in the Apostle Peter. In reply to a question, "Art thou also one of His disciples?" Peter said, "I am not" (John 18:17). He was afraid. Also, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a secret disciple, "for fear of the Jews" (John 19:38). We still have many like this today.

Not long ago I heard of two people who had worked together for several years and then one day they learned that they were both Christians. They were utterly shocked! How about you? Who knows that you are a disciple of Christ? What do you fear?

The greatest obstacle in soul-winning is fear. We should not only confess to being a disciple, but clearly demonstrate it to the

world. This is not always done.

We need to carry out the Great Commission as far as possible in an aggressive way. The records of growth do not convince me that we are taking seriously our discipleship and commission. To bring men to our soul-saving Saviour ought to be our greatest concern. Nothing less than the salvation of men should satisfy us!

Reformation, sanitation, social reform, and ecology are good in their place; but they will never produce souls good enough for heaven! Only those washed in the blood will be pure enough to be with God.

Let's do more than agree to the points of this message. Let's allow the Holy Spirit to deal with our hearts. Let's not be afraid to show a little emotionalism. Again, I see less of this than when I first came into the Fellowship of Brethren Churches. I do not rank emotionalism first, but I certainly think that it is time to get excited about being a disciple of the Lord Jesus. When this happens, then the rest of our Fellowship will be affected. If we would all go home "on fire for Jesus" other Brethren in our churches would be moved, and we would really have revival.

May I challenge each of you to covenant with the Lord to be a better DISCIPLE (Christian) by taking note of these five areas:

1. Grow in knowledge
2. Be fruitful
3. Take up your cross daily
4. Fully surrender all to Jesus
5. Be an aggressive disciple.

# Business Sessions

## FIRST SESSION, AUGUST 4

The first business session of the 86th Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, meeting at Winona Lake, Indiana, August 3-8, 1975, was officially called to order by Moderator Scott Weaver at 8:30 a.m.

Reports were made by the Membership Committee, reporting a total of 470 lay delegates and 261 ministerial delegates, for a first day total of 731. These delegates were seated by vote of the conference.

A motion prevailed that the official list of the member churches of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches consists of those churches listed on pages 72-88 of *The Brethren Annual* except for Brooksville, Florida, on page 75 and the Grace Brethren Church of Washington, Pennsylvania, on page 85.

A motion prevailed that we receive into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches the Grace Brethren Church of Hope, New Jersey.

A motion prevailed that we receive into the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches the Grace Brethren Church of Aiken, South Carolina.

A motion prevailed that the proposed agenda be adopted as read.

A motion prevailed that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted and that the following names be placed in nomination:

Moderator: Charles Turner, Dean Fetterhoff, Robert Thompson

Vice Moderator: John Burke, Edwin Cashman, William Snell

Secretary: Clyde Landrum, Richard Cron

Asst. Secy: Wendell Kent, Gerald Kelley

Treasurer: Dean Risser, John Gregory

Statistician: Ralph Burns, David Grant

Committee on Committees: Lee Jenkins, Robert Collitt, Russell Ogden, John Zielasko, Donald Ogden, James Custer

The following person was nominated from the floor for Moderator—R. Wayne Snider.

A motion was made that next year's nominees for conference offices be listed in alphabetical order. Motion defeated.

A motion prevailed that the following persons be accepted as nominated from the various districts for membership on the 1975 National Fellowship of Brethren Churches Executive Committee:

Allegheny: True Hunt, Donald Marken

Florida: Merlin Berkey

Indiana: Frank Poland, James Marshall

Iowa: Milton Ryerson

Michigan: Robert Moeller

Mid-Atlantic: Paul Reno, James Dixon

Northern Atlantic: Robert Griffith, Robert Spicer

Nor-Cal.: Richard Cron

Northcentral Ohio: Charles Martin, Dean Risser

Northeastern Ohio: Robert Russell, Gerald Kelley

Northwest: James McClellan

Rocky Mt. Region: John Aeby

Southeast: Daniel Eshleman, Lester Kennedy

Southern California-Arizona: Michael Baer, John

Dale Brock, David Hocking, George Peek

Southern Ohio: Forrest Jackson, Gerald Polman

Western Pennsylvania: Don Farner, William Snell

A motion prevailed that these persons be elected to the Executive Committee.

A motion prevailed that the Grace Brethren Church of Washington, Pennsylvania, be included in the official list of member churches of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

The following persons were placed in nomination for three-year terms on the Board of Christian Education: Clair Brickel, Robert Kern, Galen Lingenfelter, Robert Russell, John Terrell, J. Hudson Thayer, Ron Thompson, Roscoe Williams (Vote for five).

The following person was nominated from the floor—Michael Rockafellow.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.



## SECOND SESSION, AUGUST 5

The moderator called the meeting to order.

A motion prevailed that the Maranatha Brethren Church of Hagerstown, Maryland, be admitted into the fellowship of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

The Membership Committee reported an additional 14 lay and 7 ministerial delegates making a second day total of 484 lay and 268 ministerial equaling a total of 752. These additional delegates were seated by vote of the conference.

The secretary reported the following persons were elected to various conference offices:

Moderator: Revote, no election  
Vice Moderator: Revote, no election  
Secretary: Clyde Landrum  
Asst. Secretary: Wendell Kent  
Treasurer: Dean Risser  
Statistician: David Grant  
Committee on Committees: Lee Jenkins (chm.), Donald Ogden, James Custer

The Board of Evangelism gave a report and motion prevailed to place the following names in nomination: Dean Fetterhoff, Edward Lewis, Mason Cooper, Allen Herr (Vote for three).

A motion prevailed that nominations cease and the election be conducted.

A motion prevailed that the following report by the statistician be received.

### REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES

Year Ending December 31, 1974

| DISTRICT          | No. Churches Reporting |      | Membership |        |
|-------------------|------------------------|------|------------|--------|
|                   | 1973                   | 1974 | 1973       | 1974   |
| Allegheny . .     | 15                     | 17   | 1,746      | 1,944  |
| East . . . . .    | 16                     | 17   | 2,373      | 2,680  |
| Florida . . . .   | 9                      | 9    | 901        | 753    |
| Indiana . . . .   | 19                     | 18   | 2,428      | 2,431  |
| Iowa . . . . .    | 10                     | 9    | 1,022      | 980    |
| Michigan . . . .  | 8                      | 8    | 592        | 592    |
| Mid-Atlantic . .  | 11                     | 11   | 2,891      | 2,924  |
| Midwest . . . .   | 9                      | 10   | 653        | 619    |
| No. Atlantic . .  | 17                     | 18   | 2,214      | 2,540  |
| Nor-Cal . . . .   | 6                      | 6    | 628        | 677    |
| N'ctrl. Ohio . .  | 15                     | 15   | 2,759      | 3,044  |
| N'estrn. Ohio . . | 13                     | 13   | 2,321      | 2,282  |
| Northwest . . .   | 13                     | 14   | 1,186      | 1,261  |
| Southeast . . . . | 17                     | 17   | 2,460      | 2,488  |
| So. Calif.- . . . |                        |      |            |        |
| Ariz. . . . .     | 36                     | 38   | 7,963      | 8,589  |
| So. Ohio . . . .  | 18                     | 16   | 2,174      | 2,313  |
| Puerto Rico . .   | 1                      | 1    | 42         | 47     |
| Hawaii . . . . .  | 0                      | 1    | 0          | 89     |
| Totals . . . . .  | 234                    | 238  | 34,717     | 36,253 |

| DISTRICT          | Sunday School Enrollment |        | Sunday School Attendance |        |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|
|                   | 1973                     | 1974   | 1973                     | 1974   |
| Allegheny . . .   | 2,081                    | 2,341  | 1,678                    | 2,051  |
| East . . . . .    | 2,693                    | 2,909  | 1,962                    | 2,231  |
| Florida . . . .   | 1,058                    | 1,010  | 921                      | 824    |
| Indiana . . . .   | 3,099                    | 3,082  | 2,432                    | 2,476  |
| Iowa . . . . .    | 1,247                    | 1,200  | 872                      | 861    |
| Michigan . . . .  | 886                      | 954    | 614                      | 610    |
| Mid-Atlantic . .  | 2,890                    | 3,498  | 2,346                    | 2,675  |
| Midwest . . . .   | 800                      | 734    | 615                      | 520    |
| No. Atlantic . .  | 3,270                    | 3,548  | 2,445                    | 2,634  |
| Nor-Cal . . . .   | 632                      | 778    | 550                      | 597    |
| N'ctrl. Ohio . .  | 2,976                    | 3,687  | 2,475                    | 2,839  |
| N'estrn. Ohio .   | 2,347                    | 3,219  | 1,723                    | 1,669  |
| Northwest . . .   | 1,389                    | 1,507  | 986                      | 1,102  |
| Southeast . . . . | 2,920                    | 2,937  | 2,112                    | 2,071  |
| So. Calif.- . . . |                          |        |                          |        |
| Ariz. . . . .     | 7,538                    | 9,230  | 6,186                    | 6,529  |
| So. Ohio . . . .  | 2,293                    | 2,278  | 1,635                    | 1,821  |
| Puerto Rico . .   | 38                       | 40     | 31                       | 35     |
| Hawaii . . . . .  | 0                        | 156    | 0                        | 104    |
| Totals . . . . .  | 38,157                   | 42,083 | 29,583                   | 30,540 |

Number of churches from which no report was received: Florida—1; Indiana—1; Iowa—1; Nor-Cal—2; Southeast—1; So. Calif.-Ariz.—2; Southern Ohio—2; Hawaii—1. Total churches in the Fellowship—249.

|                                          | 1973    | 1974    |
|------------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| EXPENDITURES FOR OTHERS:                 |         |         |
| Foreign Missions:                        |         |         |
| Brethren F.M. . . . .                    | 545,099 | 686,282 |
| Non-Brethren F.M. . . . .                | 115,380 | 138,269 |
| Total F.M. . . . .                       | 660,479 | 824,551 |
| Home Missions:                           |         |         |
| Brethren H.M. . . . .                    | 406,060 | 437,076 |
| Dist. Missions . . . . .                 | 67,117  | 81,611  |
| Non-Brethren H.M. . . . .                | 76,615  | 82,046  |
| Total H.M. . . . .                       | 549,792 | 600,733 |
| Christian Education:                     |         |         |
| Grace College and Seminary . . . . .     | 223,554 | 212,335 |
| Christian Education Department . . . . . | 41,450  | 62,552  |
| Other Christian Education . . . . .      | 81,063  | 119,259 |
| Total Christian Education . . . . .      | 346,067 | 394,146 |
| Publications & Publicity:                |         |         |
| Breth. Miss. Herald . . . . .            | 47,100  | 48,170  |
| Radio . . . . .                          | 49,131  | 68,785  |
| Other . . . . .                          | 18,536  | 27,055  |
| Total Publications . . . . .             | 114,767 | 144,010 |

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|------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Evangelism:                                    |           |           |
| Evangelistic Meetings . . . . .                | 66,987    | 44,171    |
| Board of Evangelism . . . . .                  | 15,514    | 31,369    |
| Other . . . . .                                | 34,247    | 70,378    |
| Total Evangelism . . . . .                     | 116,748   | 145,918   |
| Auxiliary Organizations:                       |           |           |
| Brethren Training Hour . . . . .               | 4,455     | 6,496     |
| Girls Work . . . . .                           | 7,255     | 7,420     |
| Boys Work . . . . .                            | 5,519     | 6,950     |
| WMC . . . . .                                  | 50,587    | 59,887    |
| Laymen . . . . .                               | 7,871     | 15,135    |
| Other . . . . .                                | 15,236    | 17,236    |
| Total Auxiliaries . . . . .                    | 90,923    | 113,120   |
| Grand Total of monies sent to others . . . . . | 1,878,776 | 2,222,478 |

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| EXPENDITURES FOR LOCAL:         |         |         |
| Bible School:                   |         |         |
| Equipment, literature . . . . . | 412,546 | 328,035 |
| VBS supplies . . . . .          | 86,071  | 33,138  |
| Total SS and VBS . . . . .      | 498,617 | 361,173 |

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|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Building & Plant Costs:                             |                |                  |
| For new building . . . . .                          | 1,678,879      | 1,917,159        |
| Improvements . . . . .                              | 696,773        | 592,496          |
| Payment on debt principal<br>and interest . . . . . | <u>920,889</u> | <u>1,661,863</u> |
| Total for building . . . .                          | 3,296,541      | 4,171,518        |

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| Christian Day School:                               |                |                  |
| Building & Improvements . .                         | 46,762         | 69,665           |
| Payment on debt principal<br>and interest . . . . . | <u>44,585</u>  | <u>144,996</u>   |
| Teacher salaries . . . . .                          | <u>941,036</u> | <u>1,544,486</u> |

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| Total Christian Day<br>School . . . . . | 1,032,383 | 1,759,147 |
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|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Church Local Expense:    |                |                |
| Pastor Income:           |                |                |
| Base Salary . . . . .    | 1,305,817      | 1,607,831      |
| All Allowances . . . . . | <u>886,447</u> | <u>477,093</u> |

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|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total for pastor . . . . .                      | 2,192,264     | 2,084,924     |
| Other salaries . . . . .                        | 1,045,233     | 1,155,089     |
| Operating expense . . . . .                     | 3,173,036     | 1,506,763     |
| Local evangelistic<br>meeting expense . . . . . | <u>21,972</u> | <u>32,346</u> |
| Local conference expense . .                    | <u>40,029</u> | <u>32,247</u> |

|                                         |           |           |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Total local church<br>expense . . . . . | 6,472,534 | 4,811,369 |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|

|                              |               |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Youth Camps:                 |               |               |
| For building . . . . .       | 16,862        | 33,052        |
| Operating expenses . . . . . | 23,372        | 36,729        |
| Help for campers . . . . .   | <u>13,538</u> | <u>23,128</u> |
| Total for youth camps . . .  | 53,772        | 92,909        |

|                                      |               |               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Expended by Auxiliary Organizations: |               |               |
| Brethren Training Hour . .           | 29,060        | 21,550        |
| Girls Work . . . . .                 | 6,636         | 7,286         |
| Boys Work . . . . .                  | 6,691         | 10,870        |
| WMC . . . . .                        | 25,949        | 45,383        |
| Laymen . . . . .                     | 9,865         | 11,516        |
| Other . . . . .                      | <u>16,260</u> | <u>23,222</u> |
| Total auxiliaries . . . . .          | 94,461        | 119,827       |

|                                             |                |                |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Miscellaneous Local Expense . . . . .       |                |                |
|                                             | <u>237,464</u> | <u>513,419</u> |
| Grand total local<br>expenditures . . . . . | 11,685,772     | 11,829,365     |

#### SOURCES OF INCOME:

|                                         |                |                |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| For Local Building and Equipment Costs: |                |                |
| Local giving . . . . .                  | 2,425,900      | 3,197,534      |
| Borrowed . . . . .                      | 1,297,344      | 1,906,276      |
| BHMC appropriation . . . .              | 8,998          | 76,450         |
| Other . . . . .                         | <u>229,724</u> | <u>254,155</u> |
| Subtotal for buildings . . .            | 3,961,966      | 5,434,415      |

|                              |              |               |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| For Pastors' Total Benefits  |              |               |
| Local giving . . . . .       | 1,580,698    | 1,884,574     |
| District mission board . . . | 21,379       | 38,769        |
| BHMC appropriation . . . .   | 57,295       | 120,471       |
| Other . . . . .              | <u>4,307</u> | <u>18,417</u> |

|                                             |           |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Subtotal for pastors'<br>benefits . . . . . | 1,558,450 | 2,062,231 |
| Total for Sources of<br>income . . . . .    | 5,520,416 | 7,496,646 |

#### ASSETS AT END OF YEAR (Dec. 31, 1974)

|                                                  |                  |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Church Physical Plant:                           |                  |                  |
| Building & land value . . .                      | 30,449,299       | 35,906,510       |
| Equipment value . . . . .                        | <u>2,854,286</u> | <u>3,606,052</u> |
| Subtotal for building<br>and equipment . . . . . | 33,303,585       | 39,512,562       |
| Value of parsonages . . . . .                    | 1,711,128        | 2,024,740        |
| Value of other property . . .                    | 2,470,990        | 2,277,449        |
| Value of investments . . . .                     | 251,280          | 412,983          |

|                             |                  |                |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| Other assets . . . . .      | 179,628          | 276,854        |
| Local funds on hand . . . . | <u>1,192,957</u> | <u>801,878</u> |
| Total Assets . . . . .      | 38,999,568       | 45,306,465     |

|                                            |                   |                   |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Amount owed on church properties . . . . . |                   |                   |
|                                            | <u>11,211,826</u> | <u>13,161,683</u> |

|                     |            |            |
|---------------------|------------|------------|
| NET WORTH . . . . . | 27,787,742 | 32,144,782 |
|---------------------|------------|------------|

#### STATISTICS OF MEETINGS:

|                              | Attendance |        |
|------------------------------|------------|--------|
| Morning worship . . . . .    | 31,119     | 31,415 |
| Evening worship . . . . .    | 17,056     | 16,388 |
| Prayer meeting . . . . .     | 9,520      | 9,463  |
| Evangelistic . . . . .       | 6,911      | 13,801 |
| Bible conference . . . . .   | 3,132      | 6,134  |
| Missionary conference . . .  | 5,069      | 5,171  |
| Sunday School conference . . | 370        | 933    |
| Communion . . . . .          | 13,359     | 14,845 |
| Anointings with oil . . . .  | 0          | 159    |
| Other . . . . .              | 6,363      | 11,533 |

#### PROFESSIONS OF FAITH:

|                              |              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| In VBS and camp . . . . .    | 1,924        | 2,204        |
| Bible clubs . . . . .        | 415          | 817          |
| SS & Children's church . . . | 649          | 1,261        |
| Regular services . . . . .   | 4,179        | 3,450        |
| Special meetings . . . . .   | 739          | 979          |
| In homes . . . . .           | <u>1,105</u> | <u>1,373</u> |
| Total professions . . . . .  | 9,011        | 10,174       |

#### MEMBERSHIP: 1973 1974

|                                                    |            |            |
|----------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Total membership at<br>beginning of year . . . . . | 33,845     | 34,717     |
| Added by:                                          |            |            |
| Letter from other<br>denominations . . . . .       | 414        | 377        |
| Letter from NFBC<br>churches . . . . .             | 555        | 635        |
| Baptism . . . . .                                  | 2,564      | 2,978      |
| Other . . . . .                                    | <u>238</u> | <u>213</u> |
| Total added . . . . .                              | 3,771      | 4,203      |

|                                            |            |            |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Lost by:                                   |            |            |
| Letter to other<br>denominations . . . . . | 437        | 488        |
| Letter to NFBC churches . .                | 503        | 515        |
| Death . . . . .                            | 222        | 236        |
| Dismissal . . . . .                        | 76         | 52         |
| Roll Revision . . . . .                    | 1,483      | 1,246      |
| Other . . . . .                            | <u>178</u> | <u>130</u> |
| Total lost . . . . .                       | 2,899      | 2,667      |
| Net Gain . . . . .                         | 872        | 1,536      |
| Membership, 12/31/74 . . .                 | 34,717     | 36,253     |
| Members Trine-Immersed . .                 | 31,617     | 35,702     |

Note: Seven churches did not report number of trine-immersed members. Eleven churches did not send in statistical reports.

#### AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

|                                                   | Number<br>Enrolled<br>1974 | Average<br>Attend-<br>ance<br>1974 |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Bible School:                                     |                            |                                    |
| Early childhood division<br>(Preschool) . . . . . | 6,124                      | 4,840                              |
| Children (grades 1-6) . . . .                     | 9,917                      | 7,553                              |
| Youth (grades 7-12) . . . .                       | 7,699                      | 4,734                              |
| Adult division . . . . .                          | <u>18,343</u>              | <u>13,413</u>                      |
| Totals . . . . .                                  | 42,083                     | 30,540                             |
| Extension of the Bible School:                    |                            |                                    |
| Vacation Bible School . . . .                     | 21,031                     | 17,753                             |

|                           |        |        |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|
| VBS staff . . . . .       | 4,257  | 3,907  |
| Totals (VBS only) . . . . | 25,288 | 21,660 |
| Girls Work—SMM            |        |        |
| Little Sisters . . . . .  | 629    | 525    |
| Juniors . . . . .         | 876    | 706    |
| Middlers . . . . .        | 518    | 417    |
| Seniors . . . . .         | 349    | 296    |
| Combination . . . . .     | 647    | 497    |
| Pioneer Girls . . . . .   | 505    | 393    |
| Other groups . . . . .    | 196    | 138    |
| Totals . . . . .          | 3,720  | 2,972  |

|                         |       |       |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| Boys Work               |       |       |
| CBS Stockade . . . . .  | 624   | 525   |
| CBS Battalion . . . . . | 390   | 266   |
| BBC . . . . .           | 510   | 479   |
| Other . . . . .         | 733   | 551   |
| Totals . . . . .        | 2,257 | 1,821 |
| WMC . . . . .           | 4,597 | 3,474 |
| Laymen . . . . .        | 1,325 | 1,015 |

|                      |          |          |       |
|----------------------|----------|----------|-------|
| Summer Camp          |          |          |       |
|                      | District | National | Other |
| Directors . . . . .  | 47       | 3        | 16    |
| Teachers . . . . .   | 82       | 9        | 17    |
| Counselors . . . . . | 279      | 44       | 103   |
| Others . . . . .     | 171      | 20       | 42    |
| Campers . . . . .    | 2,194    | 537      | 1,173 |

|                                    |  |       |
|------------------------------------|--|-------|
| Christian Day Schools:             |  |       |
| Grades offered—Pre-K to 12th grade |  |       |
| Pupils enrolled . . . . .          |  | 4,203 |
| Graduates this year . . . . .      |  | 398   |
| Number on faculty . . . . .        |  | 278   |
| Other workers . . . . .            |  | 157   |

#### RELATIONSHIPS AND PERCENTAGES

|                                           |            |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|
|                                           | 1974       |
| Total giving for others . . . . .         | 2,222,478  |
| Total local expenditures . . . . .        | 11,820,365 |
| Grand total annual expenditures . . . . . | 14,051,843 |
| Per capita giving to:                     |            |
| Total expenditures . . . . .              | 387.60     |
| Foreign Missions . . . . .                | 22.75      |
| Home Missions . . . . .                   | 16.57      |
| Christian Education . . . . .             | 10.87      |
| Publications . . . . .                    | 4.00       |
| Evangelism . . . . .                      | 4.03       |
| Auxiliary organizations . . . . .         | 3.13       |

#### ATTENDANCES (Percent of membership)

|                                     |       |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|
|                                     | 1973  | 1974  |
| Morning worship . . . . .           | 86.0% | 86.6% |
| Evening worship . . . . .           | 47.0% | 45.2% |
| Prayer meeting . . . . .            | 25.0% | 25.0% |
| Evangelistic meetings . . . . .     | 19.0% | 38.0% |
| Bible conferences . . . . .         | 9.0%  | 16.9% |
| Missionary conferences . . . . .    | 14.0% | 14.2% |
| Sunday School conferences . . . . . | 1.0%  | 2.5%  |
| Communion services . . . . .        | 36.0% | 40.9% |
| Other services . . . . .            | 10.0% | 31.8% |
| Professions of faith                |       |       |
| 1 for every . . . . .               | 4.0   | 3.5   |

The moderator made the following rule as follows in regard to a communication received from the Grace Brethren Church of Washington, Pennsylvania:

"As moderator by the help and counsel of the Rules and Organization Committee I rule that the letter from the Washington, Pennsylvania, church is out of order and will not be read because they

have no delegates and pay no fees and the pastor's name is not in the *Annual*."

The treasurer's report was given by Dean Risser and a motion prevailed that this report be adopted.

#### 1974 TREASURER'S REPORT July 21, 1974, through July 20, 1975

#### C R E D I T S

|                                          |             |
|------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance forwarded (7/21/74) . . . .      | \$ 127.92   |
| Sunday evening offering (8/4) . . . .    | 601.14      |
| Monday evening offering (8/5) . . . .    | 387.15      |
| Credential fees . . . . .                | 10,100.30   |
| Tuesday evening offering (8/6) . . . .   | 365.12      |
| Wednesday evening offering (8/7) . . . . | 371.55      |
| Thursday evening offering (8/8) . . . .  | 426.20      |
| Additional credential fees (8/9) . . . . | 128.70      |
| Late credential fees (8/29) . . . . .    | 40.70       |
| Late credential fees (10/26) . . . . .   | 32.70       |
| Late credential fees (12/3) . . . . .    | 163.40      |
| Late credential fees (12/27) . . . . .   | 40.50       |
| Transfer from BIF (1/2/75) . . . . .     | 2,000.00    |
| Late credential fees (1/8) . . . . .     | 16.50       |
| Late credential fees (2/18) . . . . .    | 14.10       |
| Transfer from BIF (5/8) . . . . .        | 1,000.00    |
| TOTAL INCOME . . . . .                   | \$15,688.06 |
| Plus balance forwarded . . . . .         | 127.92      |
| TOTAL IN CHECKING ACCOUNT . . . . .      | \$15,815.98 |
| Total income . . . . .                   | \$15,688.06 |
| Less total BIF transfers . . . . .       | 3,000.00    |
| TOTAL ACTUAL CONFERENCE INCOME . . . . . | \$12,688.06 |

#### D E B I T S

|                                             |             |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Special offerings . . . . .                 | \$ 2,151.20 |
| Conference printing . . . . .               | 2,890.04    |
| Conference promotion . . . . .              | 88.50       |
| Prayer and Praise printing . . . . .        | 159.97      |
| Coordinator's salary and expense . . . . .  | 722.50      |
| Officers' and committees' expense . . . . . | 536.76      |
| Honoraria . . . . .                         | 525.80      |
| Child care . . . . .                        | 2,684.64    |
| Conference music . . . . .                  | 130.00      |
| Secretarial help . . . . .                  | 127.95      |
| Rental of facilities . . . . .              | 1,259.42    |
| Brethren Annual space . . . . .             | 4,450.25    |
| GRAND TOTAL OF EXPENSES . . . . .           | \$15,727.03 |
| TOTAL IN CHECKING ACCOUNT . . . .           | \$15,815.98 |
| LESS TOTAL OF EXPENSES . . . . .            | 15,727.03   |
| TOTAL IN CHECKING ACCOUNT . . . .           | 88.95       |
| TOTAL IN BIF ACCOUNT . . . . .              | 1,668.18    |
| BALANCE ON HAND (7/20/75) . . . . .         | \$ 1,757.13 |

#### BRETHREN INVESTMENT FOUNDATION ACCOUNT ACTIVITY

|                                        |             |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Account balance (7/15/74) . . . . .    | \$ 4,521.18 |
| Interest gain (thru 10/1/74) . . . . . | \$ 56.57    |
| Interest gain . . . . .                | 57.22       |
| Withdrawal into bank account . . . . . | 2,000.00    |
| Interest gain . . . . .                | 33.21       |
| Withdrawal into                        |             |



|                                          |                 |             |
|------------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| bank account . . . . .                   | <u>1,000.00</u> |             |
| Balance . . . . .                        |                 | \$ 1,668.18 |
| Balance brought forward . . \$4,521.18   |                 |             |
| Plus interest gains . . .                | <u>147.00</u>   |             |
|                                          | \$4,668.18      |             |
| Less withdrawals . . . .                 | <u>3,000.00</u> |             |
| Balance in account May 8, 1975 . . . . . |                 | \$1,668.18  |
| Respectfully submitted,<br>Dean Risser   |                 |             |

Results of elections: Moderator: Charles Turner. Vice Moderator: John Burke.

The following report of the Committee was made. A motion prevailed that these persons be placed in nomination. These were declared elected by vote of conference (see pages 3 and 4 of this *Annual*.)

A motion prevailed that the 1976 Annual Conference be held at the First Brethren Church, Long Beach, California, on August 6-13, 1976.

A motion prevailed to extend time for five minutes.

The Christian Education Board gave the following report which was received by vote of conference.

#### REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT-1974-75

We do not tire of saying "thank you" to this conference, and to many of the Grace Brethren Churches. We are your dependents, and while we pray to be claimed by more of the churches, we are joyful because many have helped and been helped by the Christian Education Department.

We are—they call us—a creature of conference. We owe our existence to you. And, therefore, we owe you a report of what we have been doing. Our books are for you. We welcome your evaluation and guidance. Please bring any criticisms out in the front of us. We want to do the job well.

This board of 15 evaluators and advisors is elected by conference. You trust us to look into what Mayes, Lewis, Long, Franks, and the office force are doing and to be open and directive in our counsel. We have been. We commend this staff. We think they are doing their thing well. There is a special team in that office to the left of the Herald, and out on the road often.

It's not an easy ministry. Christian education—that's just about everything. Our programs are so varied and widespread. It's not that easy to put your finger—or your heart or pocketbook—on what the department does. Sometimes we work with deficit spending. It is my choice, and the board's sentiment, to come to conference this year to say *Thank you*, and *Please*.

THANK YOU for support. If some of the churches still show zeroes because they or someone is unsure of us, many others have added to their prayer, financial and personal support. Howard Mayes and I were agreeing recently that there has never been a conference when more

people encouraged us. Especially, last weekend—the edification from churches, individuals, and the other national boards was so encouraging. "Right on," many said. The gifts came. It was as if God knew the staff of this work needed the boost, and the finances needed the catch-up.

Thank you, God; Thank you, comrades.

The seminars, *Ac'cent*, SMM, youth conferences, Spokesmen, TIME, Switchboard, supplies, lessons, youth programs, church consultation—the board believes in what it hopes and is ready to give God our glory.

The PLEASE part of this: allow us to be on your varsity team. I believe, and I can say this better as a board member, that the staff has performed and ministered superbly; and still seeks betterment.

Costs soar—but the Barnabas Team was a part of 160 conversions, and a third grade teacher in Eastern Pennsylvania is excited about what she got at our seminar. That makes the money expendable.

We urge churches to join us in ministry. We can do only what your vision, money, and prayers give us a mandate to do.

It is our hope that the boards and divisions of ministry at Winona will work as a united team, with openness and love serving as an example for the rest of us. We see encouraging trends. But still bare beginnings.

There is room and need for our diversities. The Christian education board is not embarrassed by its function, but sometimes by its recognition.

We do not tire of saying "Thank you" to this conference.

And this year we add "Please."

Respectfully submitted,  
Knute Larson, president  
Christian Education Board

#### STATEMENT OF OPERATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

For year ending December 31, 1974

|                                    |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>INCOME:</b>                     |                     |
| Church offerings . . . . .         | \$ 52,610.25        |
| Honoraria . . . . .                | 3,106.28            |
| Special offerings . . . . .        | 9,371.32            |
| Service sales . . . . .            | 1,663.22            |
| Filmstrip rentals . . . . .        | 522.00              |
| Convention offering . . . . .      | 3,184.43            |
| Youth conference . . . . .         | 45,696.04           |
| Other income . . . . .             | 11,730.87           |
| Material sales/over cost . . . . . | <u>6,004.75</u>     |
| <b>TOTAL INCOME . . . . .</b>      | <b>\$133,889.16</b> |

|                                                             |                 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>EXPENSES:</b>                                            |                 |
| Salaries, housing, retirement,<br>Social Security . . . . . | \$ 48,710.64    |
| Office postage . . . . .                                    | 2,394.57        |
| Hospitalization . . . . .                                   | 1,505.87        |
| Office expenses . . . . .                                   | 5,733.60        |
| Rent . . . . .                                              | 3,800.00        |
| Other expenses . . . . .                                    | 2,212.04        |
| Scholarships . . . . .                                      | 1,325.00        |
| Promotion . . . . .                                         | 1,848.02        |
| Publications . . . . .                                      | 10,509.70       |
| Depreciation . . . . .                                      | 2,037.87        |
| Itineration ministry . . . . .                              | 5,843.89        |
| Convention expense . . . . .                                | 2,413.43        |
| Youth conference, NAC expenses . . . . .                    | 38,930.70       |
| Quiz Team expenses . . . . .                                | <u>1,681.16</u> |

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| PSA .....            | 937.42              |
| SMM .....            | <u>1,609.82</u>     |
| TOTAL EXPENSES ..... | <u>\$131,493.73</u> |

INCOME OVER EXPENSES . . . \$ 2,395.43

#### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

|                                      |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS:                              |                     |
| Cash .....                           | \$1,480.22          |
| Petty cash .....                     | 31.98               |
| Restricted funds .....               | 745.19              |
| Retirement fund .....                | 592.48              |
| TIME fund .....                      | 2,380.55            |
| Quiz Team fund .....                 | 511.56              |
| Scholarship fund .....               | 1,617.47            |
| SMM Project fund .....               | <u>144.66</u>       |
| Total cash .....                     | \$ 7,504.11         |
| Automobile .....                     | \$3,609.25          |
| less: Accumulated depreciation ..... | <u>1,617.65</u>     |
|                                      | 1,991.60            |
| Accounts Receivable .....            | \$5,110.70          |
| less: Reserve for bad debts .....    | <u>254.59</u>       |
|                                      | 4,856.11            |
| Office Equipment .....               | \$19,444.72         |
| less: Accumulated depreciation ..... | <u>7,642.38</u>     |
|                                      | 11,802.34           |
| Filmstrips .....                     | \$ 5,677.55         |
| less: Accumulated depreciation ..... | <u>93.00</u>        |
|                                      | 5,584.55            |
| Inventory .....                      | <u>9,558.14</u>     |
| TOTAL ASSETS .....                   | <u>\$ 41,296.85</u> |

|                                       |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH             |                     |
| Accounts payable .....                | \$12,422.46         |
| Accrued taxes payable .....           | 626.96              |
| TIME Missionary funds .....           | <u>2,380.55</u>     |
| Total Liabilities .....               | \$ 15,429.97        |
| NET WORTH .....                       | \$ 7,876.54         |
| Adjustments to Net Worth .....        | 15,594.91           |
| Income over expenses .....            | <u>2,395.43</u>     |
|                                       | 25,866.88           |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH ..... | <u>\$ 41,296.85</u> |

Office Equipment and Filmstrips were put on a depreciation schedule at the close of 1974 with Office Equipment being depreciated at 10% per year and Filmstrips at 25%. The adjustments necessitated by this change are reflected in an adjusted Net Worth.

It was announced that the following persons were elected to a three-year term on the Christian Education Board: Clair Brickel, Robert Kern, Galen Lingenfelter, Robert Russell, John Terrell.

The announcement was made that Mason Cooper, Dean Fetterhoff and Edward Lewis were elected to the Board of Evangelism.

Motion prevailed to adjourn.

## THIRD SESSION, AUGUST 6

The meeting was called to order by the moderator.

No report was given by the Brethren Retirement Home, Grace Village, as they are no longer a creature of conference.

A motion prevailed to accept the minutes of the previous two sessions as corrected.

A motion prevailed to accept the Board of Evangelism report.

### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM

The Board of Evangelism sincerely appreciates all of the support given by you which provides this type of ministry to the Fellowship.

Recently the Board of Evangelism is *providing* for the (1) Becker Evangelistic Team, (2) Rev. Henry Rempel, and (3) Barnabas Team ministry.

In the forthcoming months we trust the Board of Evangelism can again have one of the main parts in reviving the GROW program for our churches. Pastors and churches will receive more on this in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Collitt, president  
Board of Evangelism

### BOARD OF EVANGELISM FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975

The listing below includes offerings from crusade meetings; the asterisk indicates where the meetings were held.

Balance on hand July 1, 1974 . . . \$11,240.01

|                                   |              |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| ALLEGHENY DISTRICT                |              |
| Cumberland, Md. ....              | \$ 31.00     |
| Jenners, Pa. ....                 | 34.00        |
| Meyersdale, Pa. (Grace) .....     | 35.00        |
| Meyersdale, Pa. (Summit Mills) .. | 98.66        |
| Parkersburg, W. Va. ....          | 138.00       |
| Stoystown, Pa. ....               | 18.50        |
| Uniontown, Pa. ....               | 10.00        |
| Washington, Pa. ....              | 8.47         |
| Westernport, Md. ....             | <u>22.00</u> |
| Total .....                       | \$ 395.63    |

|                         |              |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| EAST DISTRICT           |              |
| Altoona (Juniata) ....  | \$ 34.50     |
| Conemaugh .....         | 327.00       |
| Johnstown (First) ..... | 552.25       |
| Kittanning .....        | 14.00        |
| Leamersville .....      | 26.50        |
| Martinsburg .....       | 424.00       |
| Singer Hill .....       | <u>18.00</u> |
| Total .....             | \$ 1,396.25  |

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|------------------------|--------------|
| FLORIDA DISTRICT       |              |
| *Fort Lauderdale ..... | \$ 348.57    |
| *Maitland .....        | 400.00       |
| Margate .....          | 10.00        |
| Pompano Beach .....    | <u>33.50</u> |
| Total .....            | \$ 792.07    |

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|------------------|-----------|
| INDIANA DISTRICT |           |
| Berne .....      | \$ 139.00 |

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|--------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Elkhart                              | 180.00       | Mansfield (Grace)     | 337.00      |
| Flora                                | 190.00       | Mansfield (Woodville) | 126.29      |
| Fort Wayne (First)                   | 79.94        | Total                 | \$ 2,105.67 |
| Fort Wayne (Grace)                   | 191.78       |                       |             |
| Goshen                               | 58.00        |                       |             |
| Indianapolis                         | 25.00        |                       |             |
| Kokomo (Indian Hgts.)                | 83.00        |                       |             |
| Kokomo (North)                       | 5.00         |                       |             |
| Leesburg                             | 361.99       |                       |             |
| Osceola                              | 3.02         |                       |             |
| Peru                                 | 114.00       |                       |             |
| Sidney                               | 142.00       |                       |             |
| South Bend                           | 10.00        |                       |             |
| Winona Lake                          | 625.60       |                       |             |
| Total                                | \$ 2,208.33  |                       |             |
| IOWA DISTRICT                        |              |                       |             |
| Cedar Rapids                         | \$ 12.00     |                       |             |
| Dallas Center                        | 44.00        |                       |             |
| Davenport                            | 23.00        |                       |             |
| Omaha, Nebr.                         | 5.00         |                       |             |
| Winona, Minn.                        | 15.00        |                       |             |
| Total                                | \$ 99.00     |                       |             |
| MICHIGAN DISTRICT                    |              |                       |             |
| *Alto                                | \$ 942.21    |                       |             |
| Jackson                              | 9.00         |                       |             |
| Lansing                              | 2.00         |                       |             |
| *New Troy                            | 211.85       |                       |             |
| Total                                | \$ 1,165.06  |                       |             |
| MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT                |              |                       |             |
| *Alexandria, Va.                     | \$ 380.00    |                       |             |
| *Hagerstown, Md. (Grace)             | 605.90       |                       |             |
| Lanham, Md. (First)                  | 74.90        |                       |             |
| Martinsburg, W. Va.                  | 784.50       |                       |             |
| Temple Hills, Md.                    | 246.75       |                       |             |
| Waynesboro, Pa.                      | 419.60       |                       |             |
| Total                                | \$ 2,511.65  |                       |             |
| MIDWEST DISTRICT                     |              |                       |             |
| Albuquerque, N. Mex. (Heights)       | \$ 124.00    |                       |             |
| Arvada, Colo.                        | 27.16        |                       |             |
| Colorado Springs, Colo.              | 4.61         |                       |             |
| Total                                | \$ 155.77    |                       |             |
| NORTHERN ATLANTIC                    |              |                       |             |
| Dillsburg, Pa.                       | \$ 19.27     |                       |             |
| Elizabethtown, Pa.                   | 230.00       |                       |             |
| Hatboro, Pa.                         | 4.00         |                       |             |
| Harrisburg, Pa.                      | 416.75       |                       |             |
| *Lititz, Pa.                         | 516.48       |                       |             |
| Manheim, Pa.                         | 180.10       |                       |             |
| Mt. Laurel, N.J.                     | 39.00        |                       |             |
| Myerstown, Pa.                       | 626.75       |                       |             |
| New Holland, Pa.                     | 178.00       |                       |             |
| Palmyra, Pa.                         | 144.50       |                       |             |
| Philadelphia, Pa. (First)            | 89.50        |                       |             |
| Philadelphia, Pa. (Third)            | 17.00        |                       |             |
| Wrightsville, Pa.                    | 16.25        |                       |             |
| York, Pa.                            | 376.60       |                       |             |
| Total                                | \$ 2,854.20  |                       |             |
| NOR-CAL DISTRICT                     |              |                       |             |
| Ripon                                | \$ 34.00     |                       |             |
| Sacramento                           | 44.50        |                       |             |
| Total                                | \$ 78.50     |                       |             |
| NORTHCENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT           |              |                       |             |
| Ankenytown                           | \$ 171.25    |                       |             |
| Ashland (Grace)                      | 300.00       |                       |             |
| Ashland (Southview)                  | 46.75        |                       |             |
| Bowling Green                        | 7.00         |                       |             |
| Danville                             | 40.00        |                       |             |
| *Findlay                             | 177.03       |                       |             |
| Fremont (Chapel)                     | 40.00        |                       |             |
| Fremont (Grace)                      | 116.55       |                       |             |
| Galion                               | 1.00         |                       |             |
| Lexington                            | 391.30       |                       |             |
| NORTHEASTERN OHIO DISTRICT           |              |                       |             |
| *Akron (First)                       | \$ 569.52    |                       |             |
| Cleveland                            | 218.94       |                       |             |
| Cuyahoga Falls                       | 132.00       |                       |             |
| Elyria                               | 32.50        |                       |             |
| Homerville                           | 198.50       |                       |             |
| Minerva                              | 39.00        |                       |             |
| Norton                               | 88.28        |                       |             |
| Sterling                             | 101.50       |                       |             |
| *Wooster                             | 191.26       |                       |             |
| Total                                | \$ 1,571.50  |                       |             |
| NORTHWEST DISTRICT                   |              |                       |             |
| Grandview, Wash.                     | \$ 104.00    |                       |             |
| Kenai, Alaska                        | 30.00        |                       |             |
| Kent, Wash.                          | 18.00        |                       |             |
| Mabton, Wash.                        | 24.21        |                       |             |
| Sunnyside, Wash.                     | 257.50       |                       |             |
| Toppenish, Wash.                     | 17.00        |                       |             |
| Yakima, Wash.                        | 175.17       |                       |             |
| Total                                | \$ 625.88    |                       |             |
| SOUTHEAST DISTRICT                   |              |                       |             |
| Atlanta, Ga.                         | \$ 21.30     |                       |             |
| Buena Vista, Va.                     | 264.20       |                       |             |
| Covington, Va.                       | 393.77       |                       |             |
| *Johnson City, Tenn.                 | 332.35       |                       |             |
| Radford, Va.                         | 79.15        |                       |             |
| Richmond, Va.                        | 23.00        |                       |             |
| *Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook)           | 204.00       |                       |             |
| *Roanoke, Va. (Garden City)          | 380.00       |                       |             |
| Roanoke, Va. (Patterson Memorial)    | 383.25       |                       |             |
| Roanoke, Va. (Wash. Hgts.)           | 11.00        |                       |             |
| *Telford, Tenn.                      | 323.41       |                       |             |
| *Virginia Beach, Va.                 | 192.00       |                       |             |
| Total                                | \$ 2,607.43  |                       |             |
| SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA-ARIZONA DISTRICT |              |                       |             |
| Anaheim, Calif.                      | \$ 65.00     |                       |             |
| Beaumont, Calif.                     | 168.70       |                       |             |
| *Bell, Calif.                        | 213.50       |                       |             |
| Bellflower, Calif.                   | 65.00        |                       |             |
| Goleta, Calif.                       | 46.00        |                       |             |
| *Hemet, Calif.                       | 96.53        |                       |             |
| Lakewood, Calif.                     | 20.00        |                       |             |
| *LaVerne, Calif.                     | 292.97       |                       |             |
| *Long Beach, Calif. (Community)      | 212.98       |                       |             |
| *Norwalk, Calif.                     | 270.00       |                       |             |
| *Orange, Calif.                      | 98.42        |                       |             |
| Phoenix, Ariz. (Grace)               | 150.00       |                       |             |
| Phoenix, Ariz. (Northwest)           | 29.05        |                       |             |
| Rialto, Calif.                       | 200.00       |                       |             |
| Temple City, Calif.                  | 2.50         |                       |             |
| Whittier, Calif. (Community)         | 48.00        |                       |             |
| *Whittier, Calif. (First)            | 223.41       |                       |             |
| Total                                | \$ 2,344.56  |                       |             |
| SOUTHERN OHIO DISTRICT               |              |                       |             |
| Brookville, Ohio                     | \$ 304.50    |                       |             |
| Camden, Ohio                         | 30.00        |                       |             |
| Clayhole, Kent.                      | 20.00        |                       |             |
| Clayton, Ohio                        | 124.25       |                       |             |
| Dayton, Ohio (Basore Rd.)            | 5.00         |                       |             |
| Dayton, Ohio (N. Riverdale)          | 172.25       |                       |             |
| Englewood, Ohio                      | 439.00       |                       |             |
| Kettering, Ohio                      | 23.75        |                       |             |
| Trotwood, Ohio                       | 20.00        |                       |             |
| Union, Ohio                          | 10.00        |                       |             |
| Total                                | \$ 1,148.75  |                       |             |
| HAWAII                               | \$ 10.00     |                       |             |
| TOTAL CHURCH RECEIPTS                | \$ 22,075.21 |                       |             |



| MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS             |           |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Individual donors . . . . .        | \$ 130.00 |
| NFBC Conference offering share . . | 575.00    |
| BIF distribution of                |           |
| Ruth A. Blue notes . . . . .       | 101.33    |
| Florida district . . . . .         | 100.00    |
| Total . . . . .                    | \$ 906.33 |

| TOTAL RECEIPTS                      |             |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975 . . . | \$22,976.58 |

| EXPENDITURES                                            |             |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Salary—Becker Team . . . . .                            | \$10,448.06 |
| Travel expenses—Becker Team . . . .                     | 2,879.02    |
| Insurance & hospitalization . . . . .                   | 983.16      |
| Administrative & director's expenses . . . . .          | 1,282.79    |
| Office (telephone, mailings, supplies, secy.) . . . . . | 741.87      |
| Publicity . . . . .                                     | 25.43       |
| Board meeting expenses . . . . .                        | 1,919.33    |
| BMH Printing . . . . .                                  | 274.51      |
| GROW 75 . . . . .                                       | 15.00       |
| Special ministries . . . . .                            | 2,425.00    |
| Miscellaneous . . . . .                                 | 58.56       |

|                                                     |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES . . . . .                        | \$21,052.73 |
| TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO BIF . . . . .                  | 5,000.00    |
| Bank balance on hand (7/1/75) . . .                 | 8,163.86    |
| TOTAL BIF investment (including interest) . . . . . | 17,016.84   |

| REPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF<br>REV. AND MRS. JOHN BECKER      |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Number of crusade meetings conducted . . . . .              | 25 |
| District Conference (Florida) speaker . . . . .             | 1  |
| Number of campaign reports completed and returned . . . . . | 24 |

# THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EMERGENCY AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHERN CHURCHES, INC.

Combined Fund Balance Sheet, December 31, 1974

## ASSETS

|                                         | Total    | Ministers<br>Fund | Emergency<br>Fund | Retirement<br>Fund |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Cash in bank (checking & savings) . . . | \$10 885 | \$12,617          | \$17,334          | \$(19,066)         |
| Notes receivable (BIF) . . . . .        | 36,200   | 14,200            | ---               | 22,000             |
| Office equipment . . . . .              | 51       | 17                | 17                | 17                 |
| Total Assets . . . . .                  | 47,135   | 26,834            | 17,351            | 2,951              |

## LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

|                         |          |          |          |          |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Fund Balances . . . . . | \$47,135 | \$26,834 | \$17,351 | \$ 2,951 |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|

## ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

For the year ended December 31, 1974

|                                           | Ministers<br>Fund | Emergency<br>Fund | Retirement<br>Fund |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Fund Balance, December 31, 1973 . . . . . | \$26,018          | \$17,238          | \$ 616             |
| Revenue . . . . .                         | 816               | 113               | 20,793             |
| Total . . . . .                           | \$26,833          | \$17,351          | \$21,409           |
| Expenditures . . . . .                    | ---               | ---               | 18,458             |
| Total . . . . .                           | ---               | ---               | \$18,458           |
| Fund Balance, December 31, 1974 . . . . . | \$26,833          | \$17,351          | \$ 2,951           |

## STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND CASH DISBURSEMENTS

For the year ended December 31 1974

|                         | Total    | Ministers<br>Fund | Emergency<br>Fund | Retirement<br>Fund |
|-------------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| CASH RECEIPTS:          |          |                   |                   |                    |
| Contributions . . . . . | \$19,390 | \$ 452            | ---               | \$18,938           |

| Public decisions:                                |             |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| For salvation . . . . .                          | 77          |
| For rededication . . . . .                       | 226         |
| Other . . . . .                                  | 78          |
| Total . . . . .                                  | 381         |
| Average attendance in crusade meetings . . . . . | 102         |
| Total offerings for crusade meetings . . . . .   | \$ 5,742.53 |
| Average offering for crusade meeting . . . . .   | \$ 261.02   |

## REPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF REV. HENRY REMPEL

| Number of crusade meetings conducted . . . . . |             |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Public decisions:                              | 10          |
| For salvation . . . . .                        | 40          |
| For rededication . . . . .                     | 289         |
| Other . . . . .                                | 28          |
| Total . . . . .                                | 357         |
| Total offerings for crusade meetings . . . . . | \$ 1,958.00 |

The Committee on the Spiritual State of the Churches had no formal report.

A motion was made that we refer the work of the Committee on the Spiritual State of the Churches to the Executive Committee for review and bring recommendations back to conference next year. Motion defeated.

A motion prevailed to accept the report from the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits of the NFBC.

|                                          | Total    | Ministers Fund | Emergency Fund | Retirement Fund |
|------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Interest . . . . .                       | 2,322    | 364            | 103            | 1,855           |
| Expense recovery . . . . .               | 10       | ---            | 10             | ---             |
| Total Cash Receipts . . . . .            | \$21,722 | \$ 816         | \$ 113         | \$20,793        |
| <b>CASH DISBURSEMENTS:</b>               |          |                |                |                 |
| Retirement payments . . . . .            | 17,295   | ---            | ---            | 17,295          |
| Office expense . . . . .                 | 69       | ---            | ---            | 69              |
| Auditing . . . . .                       | 225      | ---            | ---            | 225             |
| Honorarium . . . . .                     | 250      | ---            | ---            | 250             |
| Secretary service . . . . .              | 360      | ---            | ---            | 360             |
| Telephone & postage . . . . .            | 135      | ---            | ---            | 135             |
| Security bond . . . . .                  | 60       | ---            | ---            | 60              |
| Miscellaneous . . . . .                  | 64       | ---            | ---            | 64              |
| Total Cash Disbursements . . . . .       | \$18,458 | ---            | ---            | \$18,458        |
| Excess of Cash Receipts Over             |          |                |                |                 |
| Cash Disbursements . . . . .             | 3,264    | 816            | 113            | 2,335           |
| Transfer from BIF . . . . .              | (5,000)  | ---            | ---            | (5,000)         |
| Transfer to Ministers Fund . . . . .     | (2,000)  | (2,000)        | ---            | ---             |
| Cash Balance January 1, 1974 . . . . .   | 14,621   | 13,801         | 17,221         | (16,401)        |
| Cash Balance December 31, 1974 . . . . . | \$10,885 | \$12,617       | \$17,334       | \$(19,066)      |

At the present time the board is assisting 19 elders and 9 widows in retirement. This is being done with the cooperation of only 94 of our churches. There are now 71 elders taking advantage of this program. We believe that all of our churches and elders should be participating. This is accomplished by the elder sending in 1 percent of his salary and the church sends in a contribution equal to 3 percent of their pastor's salary.

We would urge you as delegates of this conference to check with your church and pastor and encourage both to participate in this program of retirement assistance.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please see me or one of the members of the board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerald Polman, chairman  
Board of Ministerial Emergency  
and Retirement Benefits

The following persons were placed in nomination for a three-year term on the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits of the NFBC: Wesley Miller, James Myers, William H. Schaffer.

The following person was nominated from the floor: Bill Byers. (The election is to be held at Thursday's business session.)

A motion prevailed that nominations cease.

A motion prevailed to receive the report of the Endorsing Agent on the Chaplains' Ministry.

#### REPORT OF THE CHAPLAINS' ENDORSING AGENT

Each morning as I raise my beautiful American flag here in Winona Lake, to fly in the Indiana breezes, I wonder just where each of our Brethren chaplains is serving under that flag across these United States. And what are the challenges they face today? As I lower that flag at setting of the sun, I do not just wonder what

the challenges have been, but also am caused to praise God for all that they have been able to accomplish for Him on that particular day. In this report I wish to share with you some of those accomplishments since last national conference, and also to enlist your day-by-day prayer support for them in the ensuing year.

I would be ungrateful if I did not express to our chaplains, and to you, our NFBC constituency, my gratitude and appreciation for the privilege of serving as Endorsing Agent. What a privilege to have a part in giving the chaplains letters of endorsement, publicity in their work, and in encouraging others to back them with prayer support. And how precious indeed to fellowship with them in spiritual victories, as well as in problems as they deal with fine young men and women who make up their constituencies!

It has been fascinating to counsel with and share in the successful endeavors of USAF Chaplain James T. Elwell. He has been in the chaplaincy only two and one-half years, yet already has carried on a fine ministry at Webb AFB, Texas, and has spent a full year's remote tour of duty in a "circuit riding" ministry in Alaska. Except for one quick trip home midway through the one year period, he has been away from his family. But he was not alone in this, for the troops to whom he ministered were also separated from home, loved ones, and familiar surroundings. These men were there to fulfill their mission of "top of the world" coverage and protection to our way of life, so it was the chaplain's privilege to be there with them and to minister to them spiritually. In temperatures ranging between the extremes of 100 degrees below in winter, and 100 above in summer he moved from Sparrevon AF Site, 168 miles west of Anchorage on a mountain top, to Ft. Yukon AF Site, eight miles within the Arctic Circle to be with his troops. To reach the sites he traveled some 1,500 miles per month by choppers, cargo planes, turbo-prop jets, trucks, and even by train.

But the rich ministry with his people made it all worthwhile! With lives uprooted for the year's remote tour of duty, many of the troops wrestled with the issue of meaning in their existence.

There's been time to think about life and God. To many there has been a reaching out to Jesus Christ for a personal relationship which is life-changing. Others resolved to reject the claims of Jesus Christ and reached new depths of frustration and self-defeat, serving their own lusts and Satan.

Some have come to Chaplain Elwell for help in receiving Christ as Saviour; others to learn how to grow in the Christian life. Among the latter was a young man with a 3rd Degree Black Belt in Judo. This young man plans to make the Olympic team for the USA in the '76 Olympics. I can imagine the great times together as these two exchanged their know-how in judo and the deeper things of Christ! Another contact was fellowshiping with and instruction to a deputy commander who is a Christian. For use in his counseling ministry, Chaplain Elwell has written two booklets entitled "After Your Commitment... What?" and "Meaningful Marriage."

Early in 1975 Chaplain Elwell applied for and received Career Reserve Status. With this as an encouragement, and with his one year's remote tour of duty behind him, he is off with his family to a brand new assignment at Seymour Johnson AFB, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

G. James Dickson is still actively serving as a chaplain in the United States Navy, based at San Diego, California. He and his family have had the opportunity and privilege of fellowshiping in a Brethren church during this assignment—Grace Brethren Church of San Diego.

Last year we had five men in the US Army chaplaincy. One withdrew from the service, but we gained another, so the total is still five. Charles E. Bearer withdrew on June 30, 1975, after six years of fruitful service. He did a commendable job and established a fine record. We shall miss him. But, we wish him God's blessing as he enters into a personal counseling ministry in Palmyra, Pennsylvania.

On July 1, 1975, one day after Chaplain Bearer completed his service in the US Army chaplaincy, John B. Patrick, a member of the Grace Brethren Church in Anaheim, California, entered the chaplaincy. This is a real victory which gives us cause to praise God. Due to the small size of our denomination, we would not normally be entitled to the total of five chaplains in the US Army. Yet the Chief of Chaplains has created a special quota to allow us to have this number. I am sure that the fine caliber of men we now have and have had in the past in the Army chaplaincy had much to do with this decision.

Chaplain Patrick is now in the US Army Chaplain Center and School at Fort Wadsworth, New York, for nine weeks of training in Phases I and II of the Chaplain Officer Basic Course. Following the completion of this course, he will report to the US Army Garrison, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. Let us be sure to pray daily for Chaplain Patrick as he starts out on his first three-year active duty assignment.

Chaplain Lee D. Burris is the senior Brethren chaplain from the length of service point of view. He has attended national conference twice in the past but is unable to attend this year. He continues his ministry on his post in California.

US Army Chaplain John W. Schumacher wrote very recently, bringing me up to date on his situation and activities. I shall read one very interesting paragraph:

"I must say that it will be difficult to ever again find the contentment with nature we have found here. How we love the magnificent beauty of this country. It is a veritable paradise after having lived for two years in a high-rise apartment building in Brooklyn!"

So, the situation at Fort Lewis, Washington, is pleasant and satisfying. This should warm the hearts of the Brethren from the great Northwest! Another blessing is that Chaplain Schumacher has been able to participate in the Northwest District Conference, and to have fellowship with the churches of the district.

He goes on to state that he is having a rewarding ministry at Fort Lewis. Upon arrival there he served as Staff Chaplain for the Drug Counseling Program, but now is Director of Counseling Services at the Post Chapel. He says, "I take all the walk-in counseling, phone call inquiries for counseling, and oversee the counselor training program for chaplains. This is a tremendous assignment filled with opportunity." We should keep in mind that in his last assignment he pursued a course in counseling, culminating in his receiving a Master's Degree from New York City University.

On Sundays he is in charge of a housing area ministry covering 1,300 sets of enlisted quarters. Attendance at the services fluctuates somewhat from a high of 170 in Sunday School and 160 in church. His family participates enthusiastically in the Sunday activities. Some wonderful things have been seen to happen: a number have come for salvation, and others for renewal. A sweet spirit of fellowship prevails.

From the New Mexico desert, White Sands Missile Range to be exact, come words of greeting and encouragement from Chaplain Paul O. Lindberg. He, too, speaks of the beauty of his surroundings, and praises God for abundant blessings upon his work.

The Chapel Program is proving to be very worthwhile. Due to their being isolated from the civilian community, they have a closer contact with the service personnel. In the Sunday School two departments especially are experiencing the moving of the Spirit. The first and second grade group is extremely effective in reaching out to other children and bringing them under the hearing of the Word of God. They are having decisions for Christ. Also, the Jr. High Department is active in visitation, music and a Scripture outreach ministry to persons in a local old folks home. The Sunday evening Bible study is proving profitable, with occasional drama and music presentations.

Last November they had a good evangelistic campaign, which was upheld in prayer by some of you, as result of the request in the Brethren monthly prayer requests. This summer's Vacation Bible School reached over 200 children, with a number of decisions for Christ!

Fort Riley, known as "The Cradle of the Cavalry," and located two miles northeast of



Junction City, Kansas, has been the home base of Chaplain Emlyn H. Jones for the past two years. But he has also been called upon for special ministry in Germany on occasion. And, while he has been involved in individual and group counseling, he is also excited about the Chapel Program. The Sunday morning phase of this program was at low ebb when he arrived there. Planning, persistence and hard work have done wonders. A high attendance of 520 was reached on Palm Sunday, and the average has held at 278. Chaplain Jones has been instrumental in instituting a choir, children's church, and a nursery.

Upon his arrival at Riley he was pleased to find Cecil Lewis, a 1957 graduate of Grace Theological Seminary, serving as one of the chaplains on the post.

Chaplain Jones has recently been selected for a year of Clinical Pastoral Training at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. I found the letter of notification interesting, and so I will quote a portion of it:

"Your selection for training in this program is founded on your expressed interest and motivation, your demonstrated skill and knowledge, and your potential contribution to the pastoral ministry of the Army Chaplaincy. This instruction is designed to enhance both your pastoral skills and professional abilities. Although your selection places an additional burden of responsibility upon you, we are confident that your future service will merit our faith in you."

As I bring this report to a close, I quote from Chaplain Elwell's most recent letter:

"I wish we could just spend some time fellowshiping together. There's so much to share."

These are my sentiments, for I truly do long for the privilege of personally fellowshiping with each of the chaplains, for there's so much to share!

Respectfully submitted,  
Clyde K. Landrum,  
Endorsing Agent

A motion prevailed that we continue with tomorrow's business and include a report from the GROW committee.

#### G R O W 7 5 Financial Statement

January 1, 1975 to July 22, 1975

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Income:                               |            |
| Cash on hand, January 1, 1975 . . .   | \$ 297.37  |
| Individual and church offerings . . . | 2,348.50   |
| Refunds . . . . .                     | 6.50       |
| Total income . . . . .                | \$2,652.37 |
| Expenses:                             |            |
| Coordinator's salary . . . . .        | \$ 875.00  |
| Secretary's salary . . . . .          | 425.40     |
| Travel . . . . .                      | 35.00      |
| Printing . . . . .                    | 177.64     |
| Office expenses and postage . . . .   | 205.50     |
| Phone . . . . .                       | 131.22     |
| Office supplies . . . . .             | 112.46     |
| Miscellaneous . . . . .               | 5.50       |
| Total expenses . . . . .              | \$1,967.72 |
| Cash on hand (7/22/75) . . . . .      | 684.65     |
|                                       | \$2,652.37 |

#### CHURCH OFFERINGS RECEIVED FOR GROW 75 January 1 to July 22, 1975

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| Dayton (First), Ohio . . . . .     | \$783.25 |
| Lancaster, Pa. . . . .             | 252.00   |
| Lexington, Ohio . . . . .          | 195.65   |
| Ashland, Ohio . . . . .            | 100.00   |
| Yakima, Wash. . . . .              | 92.00    |
| Bellflower, Calif. . . . .         | 91.00    |
| Barberton, Ohio . . . . .          | 88.82    |
| Conemaugh, Pa. . . . .             | 77.00    |
| Flora, Ind. . . . .                | 66.00    |
| Maitland, Fla. . . . .             | 57.00    |
| Dayton (North Riverdale), Ohio . . | 50.00    |
| Winona Lake, Ind. . . . .          | 47.00    |
| Parkersburg, W. Va. . . . .        | 40.00    |
| Beaumont, Calif. . . . .           | 38.29    |
| York, Pa. . . . .                  | 35.75    |
| Dayton (Huber Heights), Ohio . . . | 34.00    |
| Philadelphia (Third), Pa. . . . .  | 34.00    |
| Denver, Colo. . . . .              | 33.62    |
| Mansfield (Woodville), Ohio . . .  | 26.29    |
| Temple City, Calif. . . . .        | 25.50    |
| Whittier (First), Calif. . . . .   | 22.50    |
| Albuquerque (Grace), N. Mex. . . . | 19.00    |
| Brookville, Ohio . . . . .         | 15.00    |
| Garwin, Iowa . . . . .             | 15.00    |
| Jenners, Pa. . . . .               | 14.00    |
| Clayhole, Kent. . . . .            | 13.00    |
| Stoystown, Pa. . . . .             | 12.00    |
| Sterling, Ohio . . . . .           | 6.00     |
| Toppenish, Wash. . . . .           | 6.00     |
| Armagh, Pa. . . . .                | 5.00     |
| Leamersville, Pa. . . . .          | 5.00     |
| Parkersburg, W. Va. . . . .        | 5.00     |
| Rardford, Va. . . . .              | 3.83     |
| Individuals . . . . .              | 40.00    |

A motion prevailed that we adopt the report from the GROW Committee.

A motion prevailed that we receive the report of the Committee on the Moderator's Address.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MODERATOR'S ADDRESS

On the occasion of this 86th Annual Conference of the NFBC, and the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church, we are thankful to God that our moderator, Rev. Scott Weaver, has challenged us with a timely message on the subject of five important responsibilities of discipleship. He admonished us to:

1. Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
2. Be fruitful in every good work and word.
3. Take up our cross daily and follow Him.
4. Be willing to surrender all we are and have to Him.
5. Become an aggressive disciple.

We commend our moderator for rebuking us for a lack of fervent discipleship as demonstrated in the serious drop in the Sunday evening and midweek service attendances as compared with those of the morning worship hour. Each church should sense its need to strengthen itself in these particular areas.

Since the term disciple is used over 250 times in the New Testament, it is obvious that our Lord considered the matter of having "taught or

trained ones" of primary importance. Let us covenant together to be truly the Lord's disciples in whom He is well pleased.

Respectfully submitted,  
Warren Tamkin, chm.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

#### FOURTH SESSION, AUGUST 7

The meeting was called to order by the moderator.

A motion prevailed to approve the minutes of the previous session.

Election to the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches was conducted.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was presented as follows:

##### REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The responsibility of this committee involves the selection of important issues that confront the people of our churches, and the presentation of statements on these issues that reflect Biblical truth and guidelines for further study. The resolutions should reflect the convictions of the delegates at this conference and should be made available for the members of our churches and all who wish to know our position as a group of churches on key issues of our day.

This year's committee has selected six issues about which to comment, even though the list could easily be expanded.

1. The Inspiration of the Bible
2. The Charismatic Movement
3. The Christian's Involvement in Politics
4. The Declining Moral Standards
5. The Problem of Divorce/Remarriage
6. The Work of the Ministry

##### THE INSPIRATION OF THE BIBLE

The motto by which our churches are known is "The Bible; the whole Bible; and nothing but the Bible." We accept without reservation or hesitation what is commonly referred to as "verbal, plenary inspiration" of the Bible. Our statement of faith is quite clear in this regard, and as far as we know, all of our ministers and churches adhere to it with strong commitment and resolve. For this we praise our wonderful Lord!

However, there continues to be much discussion in the Christian world today and among some of our churches as to the ramifications of what our view of the Scriptures really involves. We do not wish to add to, or take away from, the line "Statement of Faith" that we now have. We only desire to point out to the delegates of this conference and to all of our churches a few of these "ramifications."

These issues should be clarified and approved or disapproved so that all who know of them will

understand the position and conviction of our fellowship of churches. We believe that the following issues are involved:

1. We believe that the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments are the complete and final revelation from God to man. We are opposed to all viewpoints which teach the possibility of "continuing revelation" beyond the confines of these 66 books of the Bible (Rev. 22:18-19).
2. We believe that "inspiration" refers to the writings and not the writers, and that it guarantees the reliability, authenticity, accuracy, and authority of the original autographs (II Tim. 3:16).
3. We believe that the human authors of Holy Scripture were controlled by the Holy Spirit to the point that what they actually wrote down was kept absolutely free from any error, even though their writings reflect their individual styles and vocabularies (II Peter 1:16-21).
4. We believe that the Bible is the result and product of direct revelation from God, and that no human author ever expressed an opinion or viewpoint that was not revealed by God through His appointed means (Heb. 1:1-2).
5. We believe that the Bible is true and truth in that all that is written is accurately reported and that all it says actually occurred or will occur. It is the only objective basis for authority in the world because it is the direct revelation of the only true God (John 17:17).
6. We believe a commitment to the doctrine of inspiration is at once also an obligation to stress the authority of Scripture and to live in obedience. We recognize the ease with which our feelings and discomfort with the bluntness of Scripture sometimes make us "explain away" or just neglect clear directives. We place the objective authority of Scripture above the subjective directives of personal emotions or group habits.

These important issues continue to be challenged, evaluated, debated, and in many circles, resisted. The obvious deterioration of the principle of authority in our nation, our schools, our churches, our families, and our personal lives, can be directly traceable to our failure to submit to the absolute authority of the Bible in all matters of faith and practice.

##### THE CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT

We thank the Lord for all teachers and movements which emphasize the authority of God's Word and the Lordship of Jesus Christ. We desire to cooperate and encourage association with other members of God's family without compromise with essential doctrines or toleration of sinful practices. We are grateful for the emphasis of the "Charismatic Movement" and its cooperating churches on "Spiritual Gifts." We recognize the necessity of teaching on this subject and the responsibility of believers to exercise their spiritual gifts.

We are, however, deeply disturbed over certain teachings of the "Charismatic Movement" that divide Christians, cause confusion, and propagate practices clearly contrary to the Word of God. These teachings seem to fall into several areas:

1. The exaltation of "tongues" and "healings" as the most important, if not the most referred to, spiritual gifts.
2. The requirement that "tongues" is the evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.
3. The constant emphasis on Christians "seeking" the gift of tongues accompanied by methods to induce this practice which are not found in the Bible.
4. The belief that "tongues" brings a person to spiritual maturity, or to a point of great spiritual power.
5. The willingness to allow the public display of both "tongues" and "healings" without regard for, or commitment to, the specific restrictions and teachings of the Bible.

Because of the clear teaching of the Bible against these teachings and practices of the "Charismatic Movement," and because of the divisive nature of them, we urge the following:

1. That our local churches establish a policy with specific guidelines as it relates to these issues and those who believe and propagate them. We have often labored too long with points that are moot, and agreement is not reached, but the Scripture is direct and clear in these areas listed above.
2. That our local churches be encouraged to remove any persons in teaching and organizational responsibilities who refuse to comply with the policy that church establishes.
3. That the delegates of this conference express their specific approval or disapproval of these current teachings of the Charismatic Movement and that the decision rendered be published for all to read.

We recognize that many of God's people do not agree on these issues and it is imperative that we demonstrate an attitude of love and concern, rather than hostility and isolation. We also see the importance of careful teaching on these issues combined with patience and love toward those in our midst who believe otherwise.

## THE CHRISTIAN'S INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICS

Due to current trends in government and declining moral standards in the lives of government leaders and in the decisions being made, a new wave of concern is growing among Christians as to what we can do to affect changes in government and politics in general. It is, therefore, necessary for all of us to search the Word of God for the principles and insights to guide us in our understanding and in our involvement in any efforts or projects to affect change in our government. The following principles and teachings summarize the results of that search:

1. We are commanded to be subject to the authority of government (Rom. 13:1-5;

Titus 3:1-2; 1 Peter 2:13-17).

2. We are to recognize and accept God's sovereignty and control in the selection of governmental leaders (Rom. 13:1-2; Dan. 2:21).
3. We are to encourage the role of government in protecting the innocent and punishing the guilty (Rom. 13:3-5; 1 Peter 2:14).
4. We are to support the government in the payment of taxes (Rom. 13:6-7; Matt. 17:24-27; 22:15-22).
5. We are to honor and respect those in authority over us (1 Peter 2:17; Titus 3:2; Rom. 13:7).
6. We are to pray for those in authority over us (1 Tim. 2:1-2).
7. Our subjection to God and His Word is of higher priority than subjection to the government (Acts 4:18-21; 5:17-29; 40-42).
8. Our citizenship is in heaven, and Christ's kingdom is not of this world (Phil. 3:20; John 18:36).
9. We are to seek *first* the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matt. 6:33).
10. Our major tasks in this world are to win people to Christ and to edify believers so that there is growth in the Lord (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 9:22; 10:33; 11 Peter 3:18; Rom. 14:17-20).
11. We should encourage those leaders making special efforts in the cause of peace, civil obedience, and other issues that promote tranquility, godliness, and seriousness (Rom. 13:1-5; 14:18-19; 1 Tim. 2:1-2; Prov. 27:2).

There seems to be no Biblical statement restricting a Christian's involvement in government or politics as long as he does not violate his commitment to God and His Word, nor neglect his major responsibility of sharing the Gospel with non-believers. As Christians, we are called the "salt of the earth" and we definitely have an influence upon the restraining of evil. We can exercise our freedom to vote and encourage the election of godly men in political office. Our prayer to God should be directed toward a society where we may live in peace, and where we may have the freedom to worship as we please, and preach the Gospel without restraint.

## THE DECLINING MORAL STANDARDS

The Bible teaches that evil men will proceed from bad to worse (II Tim. 3:13, NASB) and that because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold (Matt. 24:12, NASB). We understand that in the last days difficult times will come (II Tim. 3:1, NASB) and that the false teachers will continue to advocate freedom from restraint and immoral practices (II Peter 2). In spite of the "dark picture" of these "last days" and the obvious fact that things in general are going to get worse, we still have a responsibility to "deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age" (Titus 2:12, NASB). Society will continue



to condone what the Bible calls "sin" and will continue to reject the authority of the Bible. Christians must stand firm in their convictions that whatever is called "sin" in the Bible is wrong and is not to be condoned, accepted, or practiced.

The problem behind the phenomenal increase in immorality in this country and around the world is the rejection of God's authority as found in the Bible, and the continual compromise on the part of Christians in condoning or indulging in what the Bible calls "sin." We will divide our remarks between our responsibility to our government and to ourselves as believers.

**TO OUR GOVERNMENT**—Resolved that . . .

1. We encourage the delegates of this conference and members of our churches to voice their protest to governmental leaders over the permissive attitudes regarding sexual practices outside of marriage, acts of violence, and bad language that now saturates television programming.
2. We express our opposition to any local, state, or federal laws which encourage or permit sexual practices outside of marriage whether in public or in private.
3. We support any legislation which seeks to restrict or eliminate the sale or public display of pornographic literature.

**TO OURSELVES AS BELIEVERS** — Resolve that . . .

1. We dedicate ourselves to God and His Word and the practice of godliness and holiness in all we do and say.
2. We reaffirm our commitment to the authority of God's Word, especially as it relates to the nature and practice of sin.
3. We seek to encourage standards (without being legalistic in areas where the Scriptures are silent) of morality among Christians that would reflect our separation from the world and our desire to please God in all we do and say.
4. We exercise our responsibility and freedom in removing literature from our homes which continue to condone and encourage immoral practices, and to stop viewing entertainment media which advocate sexual immorality, acts of violence, and bad language.

## THE PROBLEM OF DIVORCE/REMARriage

The divorce rate in our country continues to increase, with governmental leaders now warning of the tragic results that will be experienced as a nation with this obvious breakdown in the stability of marriages and families. We are concerned as a committee with the present state of affairs in our nation and in our churches. The problem that faces us is in three basic areas:

1. How do we prevent divorce from occurring?
2. How do we deal with those in our midst who get a divorce?
3. How do we effectively minister to the divorced person?

Naturally, the answers to these questions

should come from the Word of God. However, good Bible teachers do disagree on these issues. It is imperative that each church and individual search the Word of God for principles and guidelines in these matters. The qualifications of pastors and deacons are often affected by divorce due to the continual disagreement over the meaning of the phrase "husband of one wife" in I Timothy 3:2 and 12. We as a committee would like to recommend the following items to this conference in an effort to encourage our churches in the areas of teaching, practice, and attitudes.

1. That our pastors and churches be encouraged to develop a systematic program of teaching from the pulpit and classroom in the areas of marriage and family life.
2. That our churches intensify their efforts to teach these issues to our young people, and that standards and goals be developed in the area of premarital counseling. Churches should provide Biblical sex education and marriage preparation in the context of Christian commitment.
3. That each church and pastor be encouraged to develop a policy outlining the Biblical principles and procedures to be used in dealing with divorced and/or remarried people.
4. That our churches be challenged to manifest love and acceptance toward the divorced and/or remarried person without compromising their Biblical convictions.
5. That our churches consider ways to minister to the divorced person who, as a single person, often feels rejected and unwanted in the various ministries of the church.
6. That this conference refuse any efforts to allow divorce and/or remarriage as a basis for fellowship in this body, and that all its affiliate organizations be admonished to do the same. There are two basic reasons for this:

- (1) It adds an additional requirement for fellowship to our "Statement of Faith." If this is allowed, then the door is open for other nonessentials to be included which will continue to restrict the constituency of our Fellowship of churches.
- (2) It takes a responsibility that should be left with the local churches. Our individual pastors and churches are not in agreement on this issue, but we should certainly allow them the freedom to disagree and yet still maintain a spirit of love and unity within our Fellowship.

## THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY

The Scriptures are clear as to the priesthood of all believers (I Peter 2:9; Rev. 1:6). We believe that continued emphasis should be placed upon the personal ministry of each believer-priest. Individual Christians are equipped by God's Spirit to minister to one another by means of spiritual gifts (I Cor. 12:7, 11; Eph. 4:12; I Peter 4:10-11) and thus edify the body of Christ.

Too often the task of "ministering" is accomplished by the pastors of our churches, which tends to hinder the growth of the church, the spiritual development of the individual members, and the ability of the pastors to do what they have been called to do. The "ministers" are the pastors, and the lay members are the "spectators." We do not believe that this is what the Bible teaches nor what any serious-minded pastor or lay member really desires. Frankly, it just doesn't work! It often leads to frustration and discouragement on the part of both pastor and people.

There is a tremendous interest in the ministry of spiritual gifts, and we believe that the time has come for all of our churches to give serious attention to the matter. Therefore, we recommend the following:

1. That our pastors and churches provide systematic teaching on the ministry of spiritual gifts with special emphasis upon the work of each believer as it relates to the growth of the church (Eph. 4:11-16).
2. That our pastors be relieved of duties and responsibilities which tend to consume their time and energy and remove them from the ministry of the Word and prayer (Acts 6:4). Our pastors should also realize that it is their responsibility to "let go" of many duties and responsibilities that can be better accomplished by the members of our churches.
3. That our pastors realize their responsibility to equip the believers to do the "work of the ministry" (Eph. 4:11-12).
4. That our churches encourage the importance of each believer using his or her gift(s), and to provide ways and opportunities whereby this can practically be achieved (1 Peter 4:10-11).
5. That our pastors and churches emphasize the ministry of spiritual gifts as it relates to church growth, and that we avoid methods and principles of church growth which ignore or negate the need for every believer ministering to one another and thus, building up the body of Christ in both quantitative and qualitative aspects of growth (Eph. 4:15-16).

Respectfully submitted,  
David Hocking, chm.  
James Custer, Knute Larson

A motion prevailed that we adopt the portion of the report entitled "The Inspiration of the Bible."

"The Charismatic Movement"

A motion was made to refer section 1 back to the committee for future action. Motion defeated.

A motion prevailed that we amend Item 3 to read:

"That the delegates of this conference express their specific disapproval of these teachings of the Charismatic Movement

and that the decision rendered be published for all to read."

A motion was made that we amend the particular report by deleting the last two lines of the last paragraph except for "sues" and put a period. Motion defeated.

A motion prevailed that we adopt the portion of the report as amended.

"The Christian's Involvement in Politics"

A motion prevailed that we adopt the report.

"The Declining Moral Standards"

A motion prevailed that we amend Item 2 to read:

"We express our opposition to a local, state, or federal laws which encourage or permit homosexuality or sexual practices outside of marriage whether public or in private."

A motion prevailed that we adopt the report as amended.

"The Problem of Divorce/Remarriage"

A motion prevailed to divide the question placing Items 1-5 apart from Item 6 (and consider them separately).

A motion prevailed to adopt Items 1-5 of the report.

A motion prevailed to extend time five minutes and at that time discontinue discussion and take the vote.

A motion prevailed to amend Item 6 to be only the first two lines and delete the last portion to read:

"That this conference refuse any effort to allow divorce and/or remarriage as a basis for fellowship in this body."

A motion prevailed to extend the time five minutes.

A motion was made to amend Item 6 to add numbers 1 and 2 to read:

"That this conference refuse any effort to allow divorce and/or remarriage as a basis for fellowship in this body." There are two basic reasons for this:

1. It adds an additional requirement for fellowship to our "Statement of Faith." If this is allowed, then the door is open for other nonessentials to be included which will continue to restrict the constituency of our Fellowship of churches.
2. It takes a responsibility that should be left with the local churches. Only individual pastors and churches are

not in agreement on this issue, but we should certainly allow them the freedom to disagree and yet still maintain a spirit of love and unity within our Fellowship.

The moderator ruled that the motion to amend passed.

A call was made for a ballot vote. The tally was 513 yes, and 124 no.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

## FIFTH SESSION, AUGUST 8

The meeting was called to order by the moderator.

A report on the election to the Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits of the NFBC was read. Those elected were William Schaffer ('78), Wesley Miller ('78), and Bill Byers ('78).

The final report of the Committee on Resolutions, "The Work of the Ministry," was given.

A motion prevailed to adopt this report.

The following report was given by the Auditing Committee:

### AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT

The financial statements of the following organizations have been audited and found to be in proper order to the best of our knowledge. The organizations are: Women's Missionary Council, Christian Education Department, Board of Evangelism, National Fellowship of Brethren Churches, and Board of Ministerial Emergency and Retirement Benefits.

Respectfully submitted,  
David R. Grant, Frank J. Poland,  
Michael D. Alexander

A motion prevailed that we adopt the Report of the Auditing Committee.

A report of Committee on Name Change was given.

A motion prevailed that the name of our conference be changed to "Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches."

A motion prevailed that the necessary name change be made in our constitution from National Fellowship of Brethren Churches to Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches wherever it appears in the constitution and that this be ratified in the first session of conference next year.

A motion prevailed that we adopt the report of the Committee on Pastorless Churches and Available Men.

## REPORT ON PASTORLESS CHURCHES AND AVAILABLE MEN

### Organization and Function:

A. The committee is comprised of the moderators of all 16 districts of the NFBC and a chairman appointed by the Committee on Committees.

B. The committee serves as a liaison between pastorless churches and available men, but not in advisory capacity.

C. The names of churches and ordained or licensed Brethren ministers are listed only when properly authorized by the individual or church.

D. Churches and pastors are invited to avail themselves of this free service.

### Activities:

A. One letter was sent to the moderators of the 16 districts in December with the names of seminary graduates for the school year of 74-75. A resume was included on each graduate for the use of the moderator and his district churches.

B. During the past year the following services were rendered:

1. A total of 11 churches asked to be included on the list of pastorless churches.
2. A total of 26 men asked to be placed on the available men list.
3. A monthly letter was sent to each church and to every man whose name appeared on the list for the purpose of keeping both lists up to date and correct.

C. At the present time there are three churches seeking pastors and ten men seeking churches. These lists do not indicate a true computation because some churches and men have not listed with this committee.

D. The total cost for the postage and materials used was \$39.57.

Churches listed since September 1974 . . . . 11  
Available men listed since September 1974 . . 26  
Churches on list at present

(August 1, 1975) . . . . . 10

Respectfully submitted,  
C. Lee Jenkins, chm.

A motion prevailed that we adopt the Report of the Conference Publicity Committee.

### REPORT OF THE PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The Publicity Committee this year has sought to bring attention to the members of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches "86th Annual Conference" through the following channels.

1. Throughout the year the pages of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* were used to supply such information as dates and place of the conference, as well as costs for housing.

2. *Daily Devotions* was also used for this purpose.

3. With the aid of the conference coordinator, mini-programs were supplied in the form of bulletin inserts. About 50,000 of them were mailed to all of the churches in June.

4. Full programs were mailed to all pastors in



July.

5. *The Warsaw Times-Union* has been supplied two news accounts of the conference. These were used on Wednesday and Thursday.

6. During conference week through the pages of the "Conference Herald" information of the activities of the sessions has been reported.

Our thanks to all the pastors who are the best publicity people we have for keeping the news of national conference before their people.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Turner, chm.

No formal report was given by the Hospitality Committee.

A motion prevailed that the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches *Annual* as printed by the Brethren Missionary Herald Company be sent to churches and pastors as well as to others who request a copy.

A motion prevailed that we adopt the minutes of the final business session.

There was an installation of new officers.

A motion prevailed to adjourn the 86th Annual Conference of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches *sine die*.

# National Organizations

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Steudler, Mr. and Mrs. Jean-Louis, Mission Evangelique, Yaloke via Bangui, Central African Republic.  
Thurston, Miss Marian, Mission a N'Zoro, Bocaranga via Bangui, Central African Republic.  
Tschetter, Miss Evelyn, Medical Center, Boguila via Bangui, Central African Republic.  
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### FINANCIAL STATEMENT BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1974

#### Assets:

#### General Fund —

|                                                            |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
| Cash on hand and in banks . . . . .                        | \$ 299,354 |
| Accounts receivable . . . . .                              | 37,203     |
| Deposits and advances . . . . .                            | 2,530      |
| Notes receivable . . . . .                                 | 21,548     |
| Prepaid insurance . . . . .                                | 225        |
| Accrued interest . . . . .                                 | 55         |
| Inventories . . . . .                                      | 3,838      |
| Real estate (missionary residences in USA, etc.) . . . . . | 91,538     |
| Land (in Florida) . . . . .                                | 5,190      |
| Office equipment, less depreciation . . . . .              | 9,043      |
| Audiovisual equipment, less depreciation . . . . .         | 4,726      |
| Vehicle . . . . .                                          | 2,600      |
| Total general fund assets . . . . .                        | \$ 477,850 |

#### Restricted Gifts Fund —

|                                              |           |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Cash on hand and in banks . . . . .          | \$ 45,365 |
| Investments . . . . .                        | 20,000    |
| Total restricted gifts fund assets . . . . . | \$ 65,365 |

#### Annuity Fund —

|                                           |           |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Cash on hand and in banks . . . . .       | \$ 33,406 |
| Savings account . . . . .                 | 10        |
| Notes receivable . . . . .                | 198,906   |
| Marketable securities (at cost) . . . . . | 19,802    |



|                                                        |               |
|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Accrued interest receivable . . . . .                  | 216           |
| Real estate, net . . . . .                             | <u>26,000</u> |
| Total annuity fund assets . . . . .                    | \$ 278,340    |
| Total assets (all funds) . . . . .                     | \$ 821,555    |
| <b>Liabilities and Net Worth:</b>                      |               |
| <b>General Fund —</b>                                  |               |
| Notes payable . . . . .                                | \$ 59,681     |
| Mortgage . . . . .                                     | 14,965        |
| Accrued interest payable . . . . .                     | 802           |
| SMM funds for investment . . . . .                     | 2,500         |
| Retirement trust funds . . . . .                       | 1,551         |
| Missionary outfit funds . . . . .                      | <u>6,592</u>  |
| Total general fund liabilities and net worth . . . . . | \$ 477,850    |
| <b>Restricted Gifts Fund —</b>                         |               |
| Fund balance . . . . .                                 | \$ 57,653     |
| Relief Agency Brethren . . . . .                       | <u>7,712</u>  |
| Total restricted gifts fund . . . . .                  | \$ 65,365     |
| <b>Annuity Fund —</b>                                  |               |
| Annuity payments payable . . . . .                     | \$ 1,251      |
| Annuities in force . . . . .                           | 243,180       |
| Fund balance . . . . .                                 | <u>33,909</u> |
| Total annuity fund . . . . .                           | \$ 278,840    |
| Total liabilities and net worth (all funds) . . . . .  | \$ 821,555    |

| <b>INCOME AND EXPENSE STATEMENT</b>            |              |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| For the calendar year ending December 31, 1974 |              |
| <b>Income —</b>                                |              |
| Gifts . . . . .                                | \$ 925,482   |
| Interest and misc. . . . .                     | <u>5,429</u> |
| Total income . . . . .                         | \$ 930,911   |
| <b>Expenses —</b>                              |              |
| Administrational . . . . .                     | \$ 83,878    |
| Promotional . . . . .                          | 92,761       |
| Missionary and field . . . . .                 | 630,692      |
| Other . . . . .                                | 7,348        |
| Annuity fund net expenses . . . . .            | <u>2,723</u> |
| Total expenses . . . . .                       | \$ 817,402   |
| Total income over expenses . . . . .           | \$ 113,509   |

(The audit report may be examined at the Foreign Missions Office.)

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Brooksville, Fla.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Dr. Herman W. Koontz.

Chico, Calif.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Lloyd Woolman.

Clayhole, Ky.—Clayhole Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Richard Boggs.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Thomas Inman.

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Cypress, Calif.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Ross Martin.

Davenport, Iowa—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Ronald Weimer.

Dillsburg, Pa.—Hope Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Lee Dice.

Dryhill, Ky.—Grace Brethren Chapel. Pastor, Rev. John Sholly.

Glendora, Calif.—Bible Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Churchill.

Goleta (Santa Barbara), Calif.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Dale Hostetler.

Gresham, Oreg.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Roy Polman.

Hemet, Calif.—Grace Brethren Church.

Hope, N. J.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Terrance Taylor.

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Lansing, Mich.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Charles Thornton.

Longview, Texas—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Dr. Raymond Gingrich.

Mission Viejo, Calif.—Grace Brethren Church of Saddleback Valley. Pastor, Rev. Ronald Graff.

Montclair, Calif.—Montclair Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Duane Bartle

Mt. Laurel, N. J.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Robert Spicer.

North Kokomo, Ind.—North Kokomo Grace

Brethren Church. Pastor, Rev. Richard Bell.  
 North Lauderdale, Fla.—Grace Brethren Church.  
 Pastor, Rev. Clyde Caes.  
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 Church. Pastor, Rev. Donald Bowlin.  
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 San Jose, Calif.—Grace Brethren Church. Pastor,  
 Rev. Fenton McDonald.  
 Santa Ana, Calif.—Maranatha Grace Brethren  
 Church. Pastor, Rev. Javier Peraza.  
 Spokane, Wash.—Spokane Valley Grace Brethren  
 Church. Pastor, Rev. Duane Jorgens.  
 Tucson, Ariz.—Silverbell Grace Brethren Church.  
 Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Curtis.  
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 Church. Pastor, Rev. Philip Teran.

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT Statement of Financial Condition

December 31, 1974

|                                                      | Brethren<br>Home<br>Missions | Consoli-<br>dated*<br>Report |
|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                        |                              |                              |
| Current                                              |                              |                              |
| Cash . . . . .                                       | \$ 3,724                     | \$ 10,955                    |
| Offerings & other<br>receipts in transit . . .       | 135,385                      | 135,385                      |
| Savings accounts, BIF . .                            | 50,010                       | 51,510                       |
| Architectural accounts<br>receivable . . . . .       |                              | 11,614                       |
| Accrued interest & other<br>current assets . . . . . | <u>1,014</u>                 | <u>1,389</u>                 |
| Total current assets . .                             | \$190,133                    | \$210,853                    |
| Property & Equipment                                 |                              |                              |
| Land . . . . .                                       | \$ 0                         | \$ 36,000                    |
| Buildings . . . . .                                  | 0                            | 321,995                      |
| Autos & trucks . . . . .                             | 42,635                       | 57,355                       |
| Photo equipment . . . . .                            | 12,145                       | 12,145                       |
| Other equipment . . . . .                            | <u>17,147</u>                | <u>31,917</u>                |
|                                                      | 71,927                       | 459,412                      |
| Less - Accumulated<br>Depreciation . . . . .         | <u>38,811</u>                | <u>58,082</u>                |
| Total property &<br>equipment . . . . .              | \$ 33,116                    | \$ 401,330                   |
| Investments & Other Assets                           |                              |                              |
| Notes receivable . . . . .                           | \$211,940                    | \$ 204,940                   |
| Mission real estate . . . .                          | 149,288                      | 149,288                      |
| Annuities invested . . . . .                         | <u>240,071</u>               | <u>249,071</u>               |
| Total investments &<br>other assets . . . . .        | \$601,299                    | \$ 603,299                   |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS . . . . .</b>                        | <b>\$824,548</b>             | <b>\$1,215,482</b>           |

# LIABILITIES & NET WORTH

|                                                |              |              |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Current                                        |              |              |
| 6½% notes payable on<br>demand . . . . .       | \$ 11,642    | \$ 21,642    |
| Current portion of<br>long-term debt . . . . . | 23,913       | 24,391       |
| Accounts payable . . . . .                     | 5,722        | 6,850        |
| Accrued annuity<br>installments . . . . .      | <u>4,202</u> | <u>6,124</u> |

|                                                        |                  |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Accrued interest payable . . . . .                     | 89               | 757                |
| Payroll withholding . . . . .                          | 1,790            | 2,491              |
| Other current liabilities . . . . .                    | <u>459</u>       | <u>459</u>         |
| Total current liabilities . .                          | \$ 47,817        | \$ 62,714          |
| Long-Term Debt . . . . .                               | \$193,085        | \$ 406,685         |
| Less—Amounts due within<br>one year . . . . .          | <u>(23,913)</u>  | <u>(24,391)</u>    |
| Total long-term debt . .                               | \$169,172        | \$ 382,294         |
| Annuities . . . . .                                    | \$240,071        | \$ 361,962         |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES . .</b>                           | <b>\$457,060</b> | <b>\$ 806,970</b>  |
| <b>NET WORTH . . . . .</b>                             | <b>367,488</b>   | <b>408,512</b>     |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp;<br/>NET WORTH . . . . .</b> | <b>\$824,548</b> | <b>\$1,215,482</b> |

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET WORTH For the year ended December 31, 1974

|                                                                                      | Brethren<br>Home<br>Missions | Consoli-<br>dated*<br>Report |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Operating Income</b>                                                              |                              |                              |
| Offerings . . . . .                                                                  | \$521,921                    | \$ 521,921                   |
| Estates & annuities . . . .                                                          | 92,354                       | 92,354                       |
| Architectural services . . .                                                         | 0                            | 98,209                       |
| Construction services . . .                                                          | 0                            | 33,956                       |
| Rent . . . . .                                                                       | <u>1,200</u>                 | <u>26,011</u>                |
| Total operating income . .                                                           | \$615,475                    | \$ 772,451                   |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>                                                            |                              |                              |
| Direct assistance . . . . .                                                          | \$358,371                    | \$ 358,371                   |
| Administration . . . . .                                                             | 117,950                      | 233,692                      |
| Promotion . . . . .                                                                  | 31,917                       | 32,239                       |
| Payments to annuitants . .                                                           | <u>15,809</u>                | <u>40,939</u>                |
| Total operating expenses .                                                           | \$524,047                    | \$ 665,241                   |
| <b>Excess Operating Income .</b>                                                     | <b>\$ 91,428</b>             | <b>\$ 107,210</b>            |
| <b>Other Income (Expense)</b>                                                        |                              |                              |
| Interest income . . . . .                                                            | \$ 31,694                    | \$ 32,084                    |
| Interest expense . . . . .                                                           | (972)                        | (3,168)                      |
| Disposition of Assets:                                                               |                              |                              |
| Gain . . . . .                                                                       | 22,223                       | 22,279                       |
| Losses . . . . .                                                                     | <u>(1,270)</u>               | <u>(1,449)</u>               |
| Miscellaneous income . . .                                                           | 0                            | 304                          |
| Total other income . . .                                                             | \$ 51,675                    | \$ 50,050                    |
| <b>Excess Income . . . . .</b>                                                       | <b>\$143,103</b>             | <b>\$ 157,260</b>            |
| Net Worth—beginning<br>of year . . . . .                                             | 341,631                      | 368,886                      |
| Adjustments to eliminate<br>assets not under BHMC<br>accounting control . . . .      | <u>(128,952)</u>             | <u>(128,038)</u>             |
| Adjustments to recognize<br>income from donated assets<br>allowable to prior years . | 18,500                       | 18,500                       |
| Net adjustment resulting from<br>change to accrual basis<br>accounting . . . . .     | <u>(6,794)</u>               | <u>(8,096)</u>               |
| <b>NET WORTH —<br/>end of year . . . . .</b>                                         | <b>\$367,488</b>             | <b>\$ 408,512</b>            |

\*The Consolidated Report includes all departments of the BHMC which are The Brethren Home Missions Council, Brethren Architectural Service, Brethren Construction Company and the Brethren Missions Building.

\*\*The financial report of the BHMC was audited by the firm of McClure, Swearingen, Herring & Company, Certified Public Accountants. If you would like to receive the complete audit report along with the auditors opinion, please write to our office at your convenience.



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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

May 31, 1975

### Assets:

|                                                                               |                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Loans receivable—churches . . . . .                                           | \$6,475,109        |
| Loans receivable—individuals . . . . .                                        | 12,371             |
| Loans receivable—organizations . . . . .                                      | 873,723            |
| U.S. Government obligations, at amortized cost . . . . .                      | 1,459,685          |
| Certificates of deposits . . . . .                                            | 663,571            |
| Cash . . . . .                                                                | 175,025            |
| Refundable tax payments . . . . .                                             | 38,975             |
| Accrued interest receivable . . . . .                                         | 72,597             |
| Property—Grandview duplex, at cost . . . . .                                  | 13,500             |
| Office equipment, at cost less accumulated depreciation of \$20,643 . . . . . | 21,336             |
| Other assets . . . . .                                                        | 388                |
| <b>Total assets . . . . .</b>                                                 | <b>\$9,806,280</b> |

### Liabilities:

|                                    |                    |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Savings accounts . . . . .         | \$9,328,171        |
| Accrued interest payable . . . . . | 126,438            |
| Accounts payable . . . . .         | 74,672             |
| Other liabilities . . . . .        | 501                |
| <b>Total liabilities . . . . .</b> | <b>\$9,529,782</b> |

### Net Worth:

|                                                  |                    |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Undivided profits . . . . .                      | \$ 276,498         |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH . . . . .</b> | <b>\$9,806,280</b> |

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

### Operating income:

|                                                     |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Interest on loans . . . . .                         | \$437,737         |
| Interest on investments and bank deposits . . . . . | 168,619           |
| Other income . . . . .                              | 3,358             |
| <b>Total operating income . . . . .</b>             | <b>\$ 609,714</b> |

### Operating expense:

|                                              |                   |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Interest paid on customer deposits . . . . . | \$460,897         |
| Salaries and retirement pay . . . . .        | 33,550            |
| Office expenses . . . . .                    | 23,901            |
| Directors' expense . . . . .                 | 2,718             |
| Travel expense . . . . .                     | 4,844             |
| Promotional . . . . .                        | 4,844             |
| Payroll taxes . . . . .                      | 1,673             |
| Professional services . . . . .              | 2,256             |
| Contributions . . . . .                      | 5,100             |
| Depreciation . . . . .                       | 4,168             |
| Miscellaneous . . . . .                      | 987               |
| <b>Total operating expenses . . . . .</b>    | <b>\$ 544,938</b> |
| <b>NET INCOME . . . . .</b>                  | <b>\$ 64,776</b>  |

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July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975

## CURRENT INCOME

|                                                                |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Educational and General—<br>Student tuition and fees . . . . . | \$1,373,050        |
| Educational organized<br>activities . . . . .                  | 103,335            |
| Gifts and bequests . . . . .                                   | 275,026            |
| Endowment income . . . . .                                     | 5,633              |
| Other income . . . . .                                         | <u>64,199</u>      |
| Total educational and<br>general . . . . .                     | \$1,821,243        |
| Auxiliary enterprises . . . . .                                | 787,823            |
| Sale of assets . . . . .                                       | <u>3,985</u>       |
| Total current income . . . . .                                 | <u>\$2,613,051</u> |

## CURRENT EXPENSES

|                                                              |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Educational and General—<br>General administrative . . . . . | \$ 185,898       |
| Student services . . . . .                                   | 144,811          |
| Development and public<br>relations . . . . .                | 132,033          |
| General institutional<br>expense . . . . .                   | 85,347           |
| Instructional and<br>departmental . . . . .                  | 755,165          |
| Educational organized<br>activities . . . . .                | 132,623          |
| Library . . . . .                                            | 97,790           |
| Operation and maintenance<br>of physical plant . . . . .     | <u>180,094</u>   |
| Total educational and<br>general . . . . .                   | \$1,713,761      |
| Student aid . . . . .                                        | 93,147           |
| Auxiliary enterprises . . . . .                              | 721,657          |
| Transfers . . . . .                                          | <u>76,986</u>    |
| Total current expense . . . . .                              | <u>2,605,551</u> |
| Excess income over expense<br>General fund . . . . .         | <u>\$ 7,500</u>  |

## BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1975

## ASSETS

|                                                     |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| I. Current Funds—<br>A. General —<br>Cash . . . . . | \$ 4,248          |
| Investments . . . . .                               | 160,000           |
| Accounts receivable . . . . .                       | 122,027           |
| Inventories . . . . .                               | 17,699            |
| Other . . . . .                                     | <u>60</u>         |
| Total general fund . . . . .                        | \$ 304,034        |
| B. Restricted —<br>Cash . . . . .                   | 8,047             |
| Investments . . . . .                               | 105,000           |
| Accounts receivable . . . . .                       | <u>1,979</u>      |
| Total restricted fund . . . . .                     | <u>\$ 115,026</u> |
| Total current fund . . . . .                        | \$ 419,060        |

## LIABILITIES

|                                                                                 |                |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| I. Current Funds—<br>A. General —<br>Accounts payable and<br>accruals . . . . . | \$ 62,416      |
| Contracts payable . . . . .                                                     | 2,913          |
| Room deposits . . . . .                                                         | 11,895         |
| Deferred income and<br>advances . . . . .                                       | 106,110        |
| Surplus . . . . .                                                               | <u>120,700</u> |
| Total general fund . . . . .                                                    | \$ 304,034     |

|                                            |                |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Restricted —<br>Accrued expenses . . . . . | 2,282          |
| Fund balance . . . . .                     | <u>112,744</u> |
| Total restricted fund . . . . .            | <u>115,026</u> |
| Total current fund . . . . .               | \$ 419,060     |

## ASSETS

|                                                   |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| II. Loan Funds —<br>Cash . . . . .                | \$ 27,919        |
| Investments . . . . .                             | 110,026          |
| Loans receivable . . . . .                        | <u>587,156</u>   |
| Total loan funds . . . . .                        | \$ 725,101       |
| III. Endowment and trust fund —<br>Cash . . . . . | \$ 468           |
| Investments . . . . .                             | 295,830          |
| Notes receivable . . . . .                        | <u>20,500</u>    |
| Total endowment and<br>trust fund . . . . .       | \$ 316,798       |
| IV. Annuity Fund —<br>Cash . . . . .              | \$ 2,100         |
| Investments . . . . .                             | 420,303          |
| Notes receivable . . . . .                        | <u>3,306</u>     |
| Total annuity fund . . . . .                      | \$ 425,709       |
| V. Plant Fund —<br>Cash . . . . .                 | \$ 5,996         |
| Bond sinking fund . . . . .                       | 112,210          |
| Other investments . . . . .                       | 213,557          |
| Investment in plant . . . . .                     | <u>4,783,903</u> |
| Total plant funds . . . . .                       | \$5,115,666      |
| VI. Agency Fund —<br>Cash . . . . .               | \$ 12,698        |

## LIABILITIES

|                                                                     |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| II. Loan Funds—<br>President's fund . . . . .                       | \$ 122,939       |
| Pre-ministerial . . . . .                                           | 70,797           |
| Faculty . . . . .                                                   | 63,143           |
| United student aid . . . . .                                        | 19,000           |
| National direct student<br>loan . . . . .                           | 442,513          |
| Other . . . . .                                                     | <u>6,709</u>     |
| Total loan fund . . . . .                                           | \$ 725,101       |
| III. Endowment and Trust Fund —<br>Endowment fund balance . . . . . | \$ 142,954       |
| Trust fund balance . . . . .                                        | <u>173,844</u>   |
| Total endowment and<br>trust fund . . . . .                         | \$ 316,798       |
| IV. Annuity Fund —<br>Fund balance . . . . .                        | \$ 425,709       |
| V. Plant Fund —<br>Unexpended balance . . . . .                     | \$ 331,763       |
| Investment in plant<br>Notes payable . . . . .                      | 98,217           |
| Mortgages payable . . . . .                                         | 949,260          |
| Bonds payable . . . . .                                             | 245,500          |
| Net investment in plant . . . . .                                   | <u>3,490,926</u> |
| Total plant fund . . . . .                                          | \$5,115,666      |
| VI. Agency Fund —<br>Agency deposits . . . . .                      | \$ 12,698        |

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**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**  
January 1, 1974, to December 31, 1974

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Cash on hand and in banks . . . . . | \$ 24,259.22    |
| Accounts receivable . . . . .       | 65,066.87       |
| Notes receivable . . . . .          | 12,500.00       |
| Inventory merchandise . . . . .     | 149,101.78      |
| Inventory supplies . . . . .        | <u>7,305.13</u> |
| Total current assets . . . . .      | \$258,233.00    |

**Non-current Assets**

|                                                       |                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Land . . . . .                                        | \$ 5,000.00       |
| Buildings . . . . .                                   | 221,468.35        |
| Furniture, fixtures and<br>office equipment . . . . . | 72,683.81         |
| Print shop equipment . . . . .                        | 53,471.75         |
| Auto and truck . . . . .                              | 7,812.40          |
| Prepaid expenses . . . . .                            | <u>442.74</u>     |
|                                                       | 360,879.05        |
| Allowed for depreciation . . . . .                    | <u>145,844.63</u> |
| Total non-current assets . . . . .                    | <u>215,034.42</u> |
| Total assets . . . . .                                | \$473,267.42      |

**LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH**

**Current Liabilities**

|                                     |                  |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Accounts payable . . . . .          | \$ 7,492.20      |
| Notes payable . . . . .             | <u>78,597.81</u> |
| Total current liabilities . . . . . | \$ 86,090.01     |

**Non-current Liabilities**

|                                           |                   |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Annuities . . . . .                       | \$ 11,500.00      |
| Net Worth . . . . .                       | <u>375,677.41</u> |
| Total non-current liabilities . . . . .   | <u>387,177.41</u> |
| Total liabilities and net worth . . . . . | \$473,267.42      |

**CONDENSED OPERATING STATEMENT**

**Income**

|                              |                  |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Merchandise sales . . . . .  | \$632,972.80     |
| Subscriptions . . . . .      | 58,394.65        |
| Cooperating boards . . . . . | <u>43,713.01</u> |
| Total income . . . . .       | \$735,080.46     |

**Cost**

|                                                              |                     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Purchases . . . . .                                          | \$355,732.75        |
| Outside work . . . . .                                       | 67,467.83           |
| Salaries . . . . .                                           | 167,861.97          |
| Consideration to Christian<br>Education Department . . . . . | 2,317.85            |
| Operating expenses . . . . .                                 | 122,961.36          |
| Free Literature . . . . .                                    | <u>8,550.32</u>     |
| Total cost . . . . .                                         | <u>\$724,892.08</u> |
| Business gain . . . . .                                      | <u>\$ 10,188.38</u> |
| Publication offering . . . . .                               | \$ 47,476.15        |
| Expenses . . . . .                                           | <u>6,754.73</u>     |
| Offering net gain . . . . .                                  | <u>40,721.42</u>    |
| Net income . . . . .                                         | \$ 50,909.80        |

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**THE BRETHREN WOMEN'S  
MISSIONARY COUNCIL**

Theme for 1975-76  
"I'm a Child of the King"  
(I Thess. 2:12)

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 have these local presidents:*

Waimalu Grace Brethren—Mrs. Cynthia  
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 Beach, Hawaii 96706  
 Waipio Grace Brethren—Mrs. Lynn Wil-  
 liams, 95-302 Waioni St., Wahiawa,  
 Hawaii 96786

Number of councils as of  
 July 1975 ..... 265  
 Number of councils reporting  
 July 1975 ..... 245  
 Number of members reported  
 as of July 1975 ..... 4,345

#### FINANCIAL REPORT 1974-75

|                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance on hand—July 16, 1974 .. | \$ 9,964.87 |
| <b>Receipts:</b>                 |             |
| Operation and Publication .....  | \$ 7,728.34 |
| Home Missions .....              | 5,978.23    |
| Grace Schools .....              | 5,690.19    |
| Foreign Missions .....           | 8,078.17    |
| Thank offering .....             | 7,036.51    |
| Missionary birthday .....        | 6,923.58    |
| Missionary residence .....       | 3,104.25    |
| Home-missions specials .....     | 3,388.33    |
| Foreign-missions specials .....  | 4,684.13    |
| Christian Education              |             |
| Department specials .....        | 385.66      |
| SMM—Christian Education          |             |
| Department .....                 | 2,302.70    |
| Total receipts .....             | \$55,300.09 |

#### Disbursements:

|                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| Operation and Publication |             |
| Expense .....             | \$ 9,270.00 |
| Home Missions .....       | 5,978.23    |
| Grace Schools .....       | 5,690.19    |
| Foreign Missions .....    | 8,078.17    |

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| Thank offering .....             | 7,036.51    |
| Missionary birthday .....        | 6,663.41    |
| Missionary residence .....       | 3,104.25    |
| Home-missions specials .....     | 3,388.33    |
| Foreign-missions specials .....  | 4,684.13    |
| Christian Education              |             |
| Department specials .....        | 385.66      |
| SMM—Christian Education          |             |
| Department .....                 | 2,302.70    |
| Total disbursements .....        | \$56,581.58 |
| Balance on hand—July 15, 1975 .. | \$ 8,683.38 |

## LOCAL COUNCILS 1975-76

### PERSONAL OBJECTIVES

1. IN REGULAR BIBLE READING AND STUDY. *First choice*—the entire Bible. *Second choice*—regular Bible reading of own choosing.

2. IN PRAYER. a. Each WMC woman a prayer warrior, praying for Brethren missionaries and workers listed in *Daily Devotions*, b. For Brethren Student Life Volunteers and youth in her district who have made decisions for full-time service, and/or c. For decisions resulting from GROW emphasis.

3. IN PERSONAL WORK. a. Every member a witness and soul winner. b. Encourage each woman to be active in evangelism: assist willingly in SMM, VBS, Sunday School, children's Bible classes, Missionary Helpers Club, church-sponsored youth activities, and/or *church-sponsored* home Bible study groups. c. That each woman in each council be urged to show increased interest in the SMM in all possible ways, such as prayer, work projects, financial help, and willingness to serve as patroness, assistant, mini-maxi program, or in any other capacity.

4. IN STEWARDSHIP. Each WMC member give regularly to WMC her time, talents and money as the Lord leads and prospers her.

### FAMILY OBJECTIVE

IN FAMILY WORSHIP. Establishment of regular family devotions in every home, meeting with as many members as possible.

### COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

1. IN PRAYER. Each council observe a special time of prayer on the 15th day of each month (small groups, prayer chains, and so forth), using the prayer helps provided by our Fellowship and sent to pastors.

2. IN MONTHLY MEETINGS. A minimum of twelve meetings, using the Brethren WMC programs in the packet.

3. IN DISTRICT PROJECTS AND RALLIES. Each council should be represented at rallies and take part in district projects. This promotes indi-

vidual growth and enthusiasm for the local WMC work.

4. IN OFFERINGS. (Please send all money to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman, *using the proper offering slip* from the treasurer's sheet in the program packet. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BRETHREN NATIONAL WMC). a. September, October, November—HOME MISSIONS—send before December 10. Goal: \$5,500—to the Kenai, Alaska, work toward the purchase of property. b. December, January, February—GRACE SCHOOLS—send before March 10. Goal: \$5,500—to the Art Department for equipment and supplies. c. March, April, May—FOREIGN MISSIONS—send before June 10. Goal: \$5,500—to the work in Brazil—\$4,000 for a boat and trail bike for the river ministry; balance toward building a residence in Uberlandia for the Tim Farners and Barbara Hulse. d. June, July, August—WMC OPERATION AND PUBLICATION EXPENSES—send before September 10. Goal: \$5,500. e. THANK OFFERING for Brethren Jewish Missions. Send anytime before June 10. We suggest a *minimum* of \$1.50 a-year-per-member. f. SMM OFFERING—(SMM Girl-of-the-Year scholarship and sponsorship of director of girls ministries under the Christian Education Department. We suggest a *minimum* goal of a dollar-a-year-per-member). Send before April 30. g. BIRTHDAY OFFERING to be received during the year toward the support of WMC Birthday Missionaries. (We suggest a *minimum* goal of \$1.50 a year-per-member). Send before June 10.

BIRTHDAY MISSIONARIES for 1975-76 are:

1. Miss Lila Sheely—C.A.R.
2. Mrs. William (Donna) Walker—C.A.R.
3. Miss Lois Wilson—C.A.R.
4. Mrs. Eddie (Eileen) Miller—Brazil
5. Mrs. Foster (Marguerite) Tresise—Hawaii

## DISTRICT OBJECTIVES

### DISTRICT WORK

1. Each district is encouraged to honor, with an award, those reading the entire Bible within a year.
2. Each district is encouraged to recognize the SMM at a district WMC program.
3. Each district is encouraged to use BRETHREN talent when available and support BRETHREN works.
4. Each district is encouraged to send its district newspaper to district presidents, district editors and national officers.

### DISTRICT OFFERINGS AND EXPENSES

1. Each district shall sponsor at least one project, said project to be cleared through the national first vice president to avoid duplication. The project may be kept within the district, but

the national first vice president should be advised for completion of her report.

2. Each district shall contribute an annual free will offering to be used toward the furnishing and repair of the Brethren Foreign Missionary residences at Winona Lake, Indiana. This offering shall be sent to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman, by June 30 and used as the committee in charge sees the need.

3. All district offerings for national Brethren works shall be sent to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman.

4. Each district should pay the district president's expenses, wholly or in part, to national conference.

5. Each district shall give financial assistance if possible, that its district SMM patroness may attend national conference.

6. Each district shall contribute annually to the national Operation and Publication Expenses. This offering shall be sent to the national WMC financial secretary-treasurer, Miss Joyce Ashman by January 30.

## DISTRICT PRESIDENT

1. Each district president shall promote the organization of a WMC in every Brethren church in her district.

2. Each district president shall stress the importance of using the Brethren WMC program packets and achieving our objective and recommendations in the local council to foster unity among us.

3. The retiring district president is to write a four-minute achievement report which is to be presented by the new president or representative at the national board meeting.

4. Each district president will receive the local annual statistical reports and will compile the district statistical report to be sent to the national secretary by July 10.

5. The district president shall represent her district on the national WMC board at national conference. If she is unable to attend, a representative should be sent in her place.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

1. That a membership renewal and consecration service be held annually (preferably in the fall), to reconsecrate members and to recognize new members.

2. To purchase and encourage the reading of the following books, which may be purchased from the Brethren Missionary Herald Company Box 544, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590:

- a. *Hansi, The Girl Who Loved the Swastika* b.



Maria Anne Hirschmann (Tyndale House, 1973), \$2.95.

b. *The Richest Lady in Town* by Joyce Landorf (Zondervan, 1973), \$3.95.

c. *Who Cares About the Missionary* by Marjorie A. Collins (Moody Press, 1974), \$2.50.

3. That good, usable clothing be sent to the following missions (each council being responsible for the entire expense):

a. DRYHILL, KENTUCKY—Adult and children's clothing. Send parcel post to: Pastor John Sholly, Brethren Chapel, R. R. 3, Box 136, Hyden, KY 41749.

b. Other Brethren mission points, if requested.

4. That they use BRETHREN talent when available and support BRETHREN works.

5. That the women read and use the Pen Pointers. These can be obtained from the national literature secretary, Mrs. Charles Koontz. It is suggested when possible to send a free will offering with your requests to help cover mailing costs.

6. That each council plan and prepare a yearly program booklet, including such items as names and addresses of officers and members, projects, offering (local, district and national) and their due dates, monthly program leader and hostess and a schedule of meetings.

### TO LOCAL COUNCILS CONCERNING ORGANIZATION

1. That officers be elected in June and assume their duties in September. The national and district statistical reports compiled by the retiring local president must be in the hands of the district president by July 10, and shall include all reports from July 1, 1975, through June 30, 1976.

2. That each local president or representative attend each district meeting and national WMC conference, her council aiding in expenses, if at all possible.

3. That the assistant secretary of each council keep the membership cards, be responsible for giving her card to any member transferring to another council, and see that a new member receives and signs her membership card when she joins the local council. (These cards are available from the national literature secretary.)

4. That the prayer chairman keep a record of all souls saved through the efforts of WMC members. (Include all decisions made for salvation through evangelization of youth, VBS, and so forth.)

5. That the prayer chairman be responsible for the family worship emphasis in local councils, suggesting the use of the Brethren booklet, *Daily Devotions*.

## SMM

Motto—"Serving My Master"

Colors—The SMM colors are white and green. *White* reminds us to worship God and symbolizes the purity of Jesus. *Green* reminds us to serve God and to grow in Him.

### National Officers

Pres.—Kathy Shirley, Grace College, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

1st V. Pres.—Colleen Jones, Grace College, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

2nd V. Pres.—Wendy Fink, 2310 Redwood Rd., York, Pa. 17404.

Secy.—Linda Kisner, 601 Essex St., Akron, Ohio 44306.

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Patroness and Dir. of Girls Ministries—Mrs. Jerry Franks, c/o Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590.

Asst. Patroness—Mrs. Glenn Kisner, 601 Essex St., Akron, Ohio 44306.

### District Patronesses and Presidents

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## 1975-76 SMM OFFERINGS, GOALS, RECOMMENDATIONS

### OFFERINGS

*(Make checks payable to national SMM)*

1. Foreign Missions (due Oct. 1975) — \$500 support for MK Debbie Austin and \$500 scholarship to MK Linda Walker.
2. Operation SMM (due Jan. 1976) .. \$2,000
3. Home Missions (due April 1976) — \$1,000 higher education of Navajo students.
4. Christian Education Department (due July 1976) ..... \$2,000

### LOCAL ORGANIZATION GOALS

1. Each member have her own handbook.
2. Each member completing *at least* one goal (not counting Membership); or 75 percent earning at least one charm (for Lumiere and

Charis).

3. An offering given to each national SMM project.
4. An offering given for the district SMM project.
5. Attend at least one district rally. (Not applicable if district does not sponsor a rally or if distance is prohibitive.)
6. Take part in the church's annual SMM presentation.
7. Complete at least one missionary handwork project and report the activity to the 2nd vice president.
8. Have an evangelism or outreach emphasis.
9. Return statistical blank to national secretary *and* district patroness before July 1.
10. Have one (Amigas) or two (Lumiere and Charis) officers' meetings per year. One should be at the outset of the year and one at the end.

### DISTRICT ORGANIZATION GOALS

1. A district project.
2. A two-to-four minute written achievement report or presentation to be given by the *new* district president or representative at the district officers meeting during national conference. The retiring president is to be responsible for it.
3. District patroness send out statistical blanks to local groups in May, compile the returned reports, and send one copy to the national secretary by July 15, keeping one copy for district files.
4. District help its president or representative to attend national district officers' meeting (\$15 or more, depending on the distance).
5. The district patroness contact newly organized churches or churches without SMMs, that they might receive the SMM materials which will help them organize their group.
6. Each district submit \$10 or more toward the "Girl-of-the-Year" expenses each year, sending it to the Christian Education Department.
7. The district secretary send a letter to national SMM after each district rally reporting interesting activities and including black and white photographs is possible.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend:

1. That local SMMs meeting all local organization goals be recognized as honor SMMs and be presented with a certificate from the district. (Certificates may be purchased from national SMM.)
2. That districts meeting all district organization goals be recognized as honor districts.
3. That Mrs. Scott Weaver be appointed national devotional program chairman for 1975-76.
4. That Mrs. Jerry Franks be appointed Director of Girls Ministries for 1975-76.
5. That the SMM "Girl of the Year" be selected and honored at national conference with all district nominations sent to the national patroness before July 15.
6. That each local SMM award quarterly

awards (other than national awards) to their girls as they deem necessary.

7. That we use the order form from the new program packets to order awards for the past year.

8. That the awards for the personal goals be chosen by the executive committee as the cost and availability of the articles permit.

## THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN MINISTERS

Chm.—Edwin E. Cashman

V. Chm.—Wendell E. Kent

Exec. Secy.—Ralph J. Colburn

Recording Secy.—Ralph S. Burns

Asst. Recording Secy.—Ronzil L. Jarvis

Treas.—Harold L. Dunning

All sessions this year were held in the facilities of the Free Methodist Church, and devotional sessions were combined with the National Fellowship of Grace Brethren Men. Inspirational singing, specials, testimonies, and devotional messages were enjoyed at this time. On Monday, memorials were given in behalf of four of our ministers whom the Lord called home during the year: Edward Scofield, John Neely, Leslie Moore and Orville Jobson. Tuesday, Pastor John Gillis spoke to our hearts. Wednesday through Friday, Pastor Dave Burnham, pastor of the Chapel in University Park, Akron, Ohio, was our speaker. We will long remember his heart-searching, well-delivered messages.

Business sessions were separate, of course, and Executive Secretary Ralph Colburn has condensed the minutes of Recording Secretary Robert Kern as follows:

### MONDAY, AUGUST 4

Chairman Charles Turner called the meeting to order with prayer, and then introduced the elected officers of the ministerium: Charles W. Turner, chm.; John P. Burke, v. chm.; Robert D. Kern, recording secy.; Dale C. Hostetler, asst. secy.; Ralph J. Colburn, exec. secy.

The following men were introduced to the ministerium: Aldo Hoyt, Lynn Hoyt, Dave Goodman, Norm Johnson, Lloyd Woolman, Antone Leroy Howard, Mike Wingfield, Larry Czala, John Trujillo, Russell Betz, Jack Peters (Jr.), Ross Martin, Louis Engle, Steve Taylor, Max Brennenman, John Burns, Juan Colle, Doug Witt, Leland Friesen, Don Foreman.

The chairman presented the agenda, which was adopted.

The report of the membership committee was presented and circulated by the executive secre-

tary. A motion prevailed that the list presented plus two who had paid their dues after its completion be received as the official membership list.

The constitutional change concerning membership, deferred from last year, was introduced. A recommendation from the Executive Committee was presented, which requested a delay in decision until the national conference had acted. This was discussed at length, and rejected.

After a proper time extension, a motion prevailed to adjourn.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 5

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order, the minutes were read and approved, corrections to the membership list were presented and approved, and the following men were introduced: Rudolpho Villa, Dave Fath, Herman Pickles, Phil Lesko.

A report was given by the Executive Secretary on the questionnaire mailed to the membership on the proposed constitutional change concerning membership qualifications, as they relate to elders with a divorce in their background. The chairman expressed his feelings concerning the state of our Fellowship.

A motion prevailed to continue discussion on this issue, and later, time was extended to continue the discussion.

A motion prevailed to adjourn, and to continue discussion at the next session.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order, the minutes were read and approved, one membership correction was made and approved, and the following men were introduced: Dale Hammond, Randy Bowman, Emmitt Adams.

Juan Colle, representing the Argentine Brethren Church, brought greetings (interpreted by Aldo Hoyt). He related that he was a product of our missionary endeavor in that land, and spoke of the urgent need for more missionaries there.

Discussion of the previous day's business continued, and the following resolution was presented by Charles Ashman:

Dear Brethren Men of God:

Whereas, there is presently before this National Brethren Ministerium a theological issue of such serious nature that it has all the potential to create a grievous schism in the Brethren Church, and

Whereas, an official questionnaire on the matter has been circulated by our Executive Committee giving all the members of this body the opportunity to express their opinions on this issue, and Whereas, the reported results of that questionnaire reveal that there is not only no evident unity of opinion among our ministers on this issue but that we are almost equally divided over the issue of divorce/remarriage and membership in the national ministerium, and

Whereas, we have already established in our constitution:

A. A doctrinal standard for membership in Article IV



1. A subscription to the Statement of Faith of the Fellowship of Brethren Churches, and
- B. A positional standard for membership in Article IV
2. Recognition by a recognized district of NFBC churches

#### BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The results of said questionnaire be published for distribution to the ministers at this year's ministerium.

2. We go on record as deploring the sinful conditions and actions that bring about divorce, with full understanding that the Bible teaches that God hates divorce.

3. We plead with all our pastors to continue a thorough study and a systematic presentation in their churches of the Biblical teachings on marriage, family, home and especially divorce.

4. We ask all ministerial examining boards to consider all the basic and ancillary problems precipitated by approving for licensure or ordination men who have such a problem in their experience.

5. We limit our membership requirements to those already established by our constitution and not seek to multiply, possibly endlessly, requirements reflecting individual conviction in issues that do not form a vital part of the Statement of Faith and the position that sets us apart as Grace Brethren or the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches.

A motion to adopt this resolution led to considerable discussion, including amendments, substitutions, and so forth—none of which were accepted. Time was extended, but procedural questions used up most of this extension.

A motion to adjourn prevailed, with the understanding that discussion would continue the next day.

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, the minutes were read and approved, membership report corrections were read and approved, and Rudolfo Villa, representing the Brethren Church in Mexico brought personal greetings and testimony, with Lynn Hoyt interpreting.

A motion prevailed to consider the resolution presented Wednesday, rather than the substitute motion for a constitutional change. Guidelines for discussion were suggested by the chairman. Prayer for the Holy Spirit's direction was asked by each man before voting by ballot. The resolution passed, 164 to 45.

The nominating committee presented its report, and the election was conducted by ballot. New officers are listed at the beginning of this report.

A proposed constitutional change relating to the date dues and lists were to be in the hands of the executive secretary was read for consideration.

The results of the questionnaire on membership requirements was made available as requested in the resolution.

A motion prevailed to adjourn.

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

Chairman Turner called the session to order, minutes were read and approved, one membership correction was approved, Joel Richards was introduced, and election results were announced.

Dottie Franks was introduced, and made a sparkling presentation of the radical changes in SMM.

Pierre Yougouda brought greetings from the Brethren Church in Africa, with a bit of personal testimony.

Business of the day was relatively routine, and included:

Financial report by the executive secretary.

Report of the auditing committee.

Ministerial dues were continued at \$25 per year.

Executive Secretary's salary was set at \$660 per year.

The proposed constitutional change read yesterday was rejected.

The new executive committee was asked to consider the necessity for any change in the constitution regarding this matter, and report back next year.

The minutes were read and approved.

The new officers were presented and installed by retiring chairman Turner.

Chairman-elect Cashman closed the session in prayer.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN MINISTERS

July 21, 1975

|                                                                                             |                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Balance on hand (9/1/74) . . . . .                                                          | \$ 8,961.57        |
| Received from dues,<br>through 7/21/75 . . . . .                                            | 11,826.50          |
| Withdrawals from BIF . . . . .                                                              | <u>3,000.00</u>    |
| Total funds through<br>checking account . . . . .                                           | \$23,788.07        |
| Deposits to BIF . . . . .                                                                   | \$10,000.00        |
| Death benefits paid (Herr,<br>Jobson, Scofield, Gingrich,<br>Neely, Moore, Byron) . . . . . | 7,000.00           |
| Bills paid:                                                                                 |                    |
| Exec. secretary's salary . . . . .                                                          | \$ 600.00          |
| News letters . . . . .                                                                      | 261.40             |
| Annual space . . . . .                                                                      | 207.00             |
| 1974 ministerium expenses . . . . .                                                         | 84.25              |
| Office supplies & postage . . . . .                                                         | 218.04             |
| District refunds . . . . .                                                                  | 235.00             |
| 1975 badges . . . . .                                                                       | 128.21             |
| Misc. & Exec. Comm. expenses . . . . .                                                      | <u>142.00</u>      |
| Total bills paid . . . . .                                                                  | <u>\$ 1,875.90</u> |
| Total on hand (7/21/75)<br>(Checking account) . . . . .                                     | \$ 4,912.17        |
| Brethren Investment Foundation                                                              |                    |
| Deposits . . . . .                                                                          | \$10,000.00        |
| Withdrawals . . . . .                                                                       | <u>3,000.00</u>    |
| Balance . . . . .                                                                           | \$ 7,000.00        |
| Interest accrued . . . . .                                                                  | <u>184.99</u>      |
| BIF balance . . . . .                                                                       | <u>\$ 7,184.99</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS<br>AVAILABLE (7/21/75) . . . . .                                                | \$12,097.16        |

Respectfully submitted,  
Ralph J. Colburn, Executive Secretary

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## Indiana District Fellowship of Brethren Churches

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Hagerstown, Md.—Grace Brethren  
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### **Northern Atlantic Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches**

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Dillsburg, Pa.—Hope Grace Brethren  
Elizabethtown, Pa.—Grace Brethren  
Harrisburg, Pa.—Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren  
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Hope, N.J.—Grace Brethren  
Lancaster, Pa.—Grace Brethren Church of Greater  
Lancaster  
Lititz, Pa.—Grace Brethren  
Manheim, Pa.—Manheim Grace Brethren  
Mt. Laurel, N.J.—Grace Brethren  
Myerstown, Pa.—Myerstown Grace Brethren  
New Holland, Pa.—Grace Brethren  
Palmyra, Pa.—Grace Brethren  
Philadelphia, Pa.—First Brethren  
Philadelphia, Pa.—Third Brethren  
Telford, Pa.—Penn Valley Grace Brethren  
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# **NORTHCENTRAL OHIO**

## **Northcentral Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Churches**

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Columbus, Ohio—East Side Grace Brethren  
Columbus, Ohio—Grace Brethren  
Danville, Ohio—Grace Brethren  
Findlay, Ohio—Grace Brethren  
Fremont, Ohio—Grace Brethren Chapel  
Fremont, Ohio—Grace Brethren  
Galion, Ohio—Grace Brethren  
Johnstown, Ohio—Grace Brethren Church of  
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## **NORTHEASTERN OHIO**

### **Northeastern Ohio District Fellowship of Brethren Churches**

Next conference to be determined

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### **RESOLUTIONS**

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Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio—Grace Brethren  
Elyria, Ohio—Grace Brethren  
Homerville, Ohio—West Homer Brethren  
Middlebranch, Ohio—Grace Brethren  
Minerva, Ohio—Grace Brethren  
Norton, Ohio—First Brethren of Norton  
Rittman, Ohio—First Brethren  
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# NORTHWEST

## Northwest District Fellowship of Brethren Churches

Next conference: Grandview, Washington; March 24-26, 1976

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Kenai, Alaska—Grace Brethren  
Kent, Wash.—Grace Brethren  
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Prosser, Wash.—Community Grace Brethren  
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## Rocky Mountain Region Fellowship of Brethren Churches

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Cheyenne, Wyo.—First Brethren  
Colorado Springs, Colo.—Grace Brethren  
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Denver, Colo.—Grace Brethren  
Longview, Texas—Grace Brethren  
Portis, Kans.—First Brethren  
Taos, N. Mex.—First Brethren

# **SOUTHEAST**

## **Southeast District Fellowship of Brethren Churches**

Next conference: First Brethren  
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1976

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K. E. Richardson, Donald Farner, Lester Ken-  
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Name of Campgrounds—Bolling Conference  
Grounds  
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Covington, Va.—Grace Brethren  
Johnson City, Tenn.—Grace Brethren  
Radford, Va.—Fairlawn Grace Brethren  
Richmond, Va.—Grace Brethren  
Riner, Va.—Grace Brethren  
Roanoke, Va.—Clearbrook Brethren  
Roanoke, Va.—Garden City Brethren  
Roanoke, Va.—Ghent Brethren  
Roanoke, Va.—Gospel Brethren  
Roanoke, Va.—Patterson Memorial Brethren  
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Telford, Tenn.—Vernon Brethren  
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# **SO. CALIF.-ARIZ.**

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 Beaumont, Calif.—Cherry Valley Brethren  
 Bell, Calif.—Bell Brethren  
 Bellflower, Calif.—Bellflower Brethren  
 Cypress, Calif.—Grace Brethren  
 Fillmore, Calif.—First Brethren  
 Glendale, Calif.—Grace Brethren Community  
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Dayton, Ohio—Basore Road Grace Brethren  
Dayton, Ohio—First Brethren  
Dayton, Ohio—Grace Brethren Church of Huber Heights

Dayton, Ohio—North Riverdale Brethren  
Dryhill, Ky.—Grace Brethren Chapel  
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Conemaugh, Pa.—Pike Brethren  
Conemaugh, Pa.—Singer Hill Grace Brethren  
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Johnstown, Pa.—Riverside Grace Brethren  
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Kittanning  
Kittanning, Pa.—North Buffalo Brethren  
Martinsburg, Pa.—First Brethren



# Directory of Brethren Churches

Listing 249 churches in 28 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico

Listed by States; Giving City, Pastor's Name, Church Name, Membership as of January 1, 1975, Address, and Telephone Number; and Name, Address, and Telephone Number of Secretary or Clerk.

## ALASKA

### **KENAI** (Edward A. Jackson)

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907-283-4348)

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Grace Brethren Church of Phoenix (85)  
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Mrs. Chuck Emerling, 7018 N. 68th Dr., Glendale, 85301 (Tel. 602-931-3982)

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Northwest Brethren Church (29)  
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Mrs. Douglas Sanders, 4220 W. Mission Ln., 85021 (Tel. 602-934-8488)

### **TUCSON** (Kenneth A. Curtis)

Silverbell Grace Brethren Church (34)  
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(Tel. 602-792-1114)

Judy Harding, 1005 N. Cherokee (Tel.  
602-623-9664)

## CALIFORNIA

### **ANAHEIM** (Glenn O'Neal, interim)

Grace Brethren Church (90)  
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(Tel. 714-535-2073)

Beth Levitt, 1255 N. Moraga, 92801 (Tel.  
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### **BEAUMONT** (Curtis B. Wildish)

Cherry Valley Brethren Church (150)  
Beaumont and Vineland Aves. (Mailing address: P.O. Box 655, 92223)  
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Mrs. Blanche Tipton, 1222 E. 6th St. (Tel.  
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Dorothy Duke, 6619 Pine Ave., (Tel.  
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### **BELLFLOWER** (Edwin E. Cashman)

Bellflower Brethren Church (443)  
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Dorothy Yeater, 819 Nancy Ln., (Tel.  
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### **CYPRESS** (Ross D. Martin)

Grace Brethren Church of Cypress (66)  
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Phyllis McKeever, 9080 Bloomfield (No. 33),  
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### **GLENDALE** (Donald L. Foreman)

Grace Brethren Church (44)  
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James C. Martin, 809 Burchett St., (Tel.  
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**GLENDORA** (Kenneth Churchill)

Bible Brethren Church (21)  
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Mrs. Lawrence Campbell, 403 N. Minnesota  
St. (Tel. 213-335-6145)

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Grace Brethren Church (42)  
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Mrs. Roy Larsen, 1304 Camino Rio Verde,  
Santa Barbara, 93111 (Tel. 805-964-1115)

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Community Brethren Church (12)  
Meeting at Forest Springs Farm Center, Hwy.  
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95945)

Fred Card, 10676 Cedar Ave. (Tel.  
916-273-2645)

**HEMET**

Grace Brethren Church of Hemet (61)  
26121 S. Hemet St., 92343  
(Tel. 714-927-3031)

Christa Marvin, 6217 Sea Breeze Dr., Long  
Beach, 90803 (Tel. 213-430-2791)

**LA VERNE** (Gregory Pfau)

First Brethren Church (70)  
2600 White Ave. (Mailing address: P.O. Box  
217, 91750)  
(Tel. 714-593-1204)

Mrs. Denise Belcher, 1951 Bonita Ave. (Tel.  
714-593-8759)

**LAKEWOOD** (Michael C. Bayer)

Lakewood Grace Brethren Church (110)  
11859 E. 209th St., 90715  
(Tel. 213-860-0128)

Mrs. Wilma Harper, 489 E. Louise, Apt. 4,  
Long Beach, 90805 (Tel. 213-422-3386)

**LONG BEACH** (Ralph J. Colburn)

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Mrs. Pat Bowers, 3502 Stevely, 90808 (Tel.  
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First Brethren Church (1,824)  
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Mrs. Imogene Driskill, 13436 Castana, Dow-  
ney, 90242 (Tel. 213-630-6313)

**LONG BEACH** (Donald P. Shoemaker)

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Joyce Root, 2202 Stevely, 90815 (Tel.  
213-596-0870)

**LONG BEACH** (George O. Peek)

North Long Beach Brethren Church (1,878)  
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**LOS ANGELES** (Frank J. Coburn)

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5839 Whittier Blvd. (Mailing address: 756 S.  
Keenan Ave., 90022)  
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Mrs. Dorothy Becker, 525 S. Russell, Monte-  
rey Park, 91754 (Tel. 213-573-1570)

**MISSION VIEJO** (Ronald Graff)

Grace Brethren Church of Saddleback Valley  
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Carrillo Dr., 92675 (Mailing address: P.O.  
Box 622, El Toro, Calif. 92630)  
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Viejo, Calif. 92675 (Tel. 714-586-8427)

**MODESTO** (Allen Herr)

Greenwood Grace Brethren Church (112)  
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(Tel. 209-526-1071)

Garland Craft, 812 Charleston (Tel.  
209-529-4707)

**MODESTO** (Darrell Anderson)

La Loma Grace Brethren Church (284)  
1315 La Loma Ave., 95351  
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Robert Driver, 2737 North Ave. (Tel.  
209-523-2811)

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Montclair Grace Brethren Church (144)  
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Grace Brethren Church (134)  
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(Tel. 714-633-8867)  
Mrs. Iris Leiter, 2030 E. Santa Clara, C-2,  
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**RIALTO** (J. Dale Brock)  
Rialto Brethren Church (85)  
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337, 92376)  
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Mrs. Nell Netzley, 853 N. Pampas Ave. (Tel.  
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**RIPON** (Larry Smithwick)  
Ripon Grace Brethren Church (152)  
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95350 (Tel. 209-524-6471)

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Grace Brethren Church (46)  
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San Ysidro Grace Brethren Church (37)  
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Maria Quintero, 1824 Blando Ln., 92173  
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Maranatha Grace Brethren Church (Spanish  
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First Brethren Church (315)  
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Grace Brethren Church (57)  
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20031  
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Grace Brethren Church (242)  
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Grace Brethren Church of the Palm Beaches  
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Worth, 33460 (All mail to pastor's ad-  
dress)  
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Grace Brethren Church (101)  
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Grace Brethren Church (15)

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Mrs. William Beichler, 75 Fairlawn Ave., Ritt-  
man, 44270 (Tel. 216-925-1519)**TROTWOOD (Charles E. Lawson)**

Grace Brethren Church (108)

12 Strader Dr., 45426

(Tel. 513-854-2521)

Mrs. Ruth Garber, 6100 Range Line Rd., West  
Milton, 45383 (Tel. 513-698-6852)**TROY (Ray E. Johnson)**

Grace Brethren Church (57)

527 N. Market St., 45373

(Tel. 513-335-1852)

Mrs. Mary Walters, 719 S. Walnut St. (Tel.  
513-335-1659)**UNION (Ronald Picard)**

Community Grace Brethren Church (201)

7260 S. State Rt. 48, 45322

(Tel. 513-698-5117)

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wood, 45322 (Tel. 513-836-2493)**VANDALIA (Everett N. Caes)**

Vandalia Grace Brethren Church (115)

810 Larry Ave., 45377

(Tel. 513-898-6666)

Mrs. Grace Davidson, 206 N. American Blvd.,  
(Tel. 513-898-5939)**WEST ALEXANDRIA (Harold P. Combs)**

Grace Brethren Community Church (100)

R. R. 3, 45381 (2½ miles west of West Alex-  
andria)

Carol Swafford, R. R. 2 (Tel. 513-839-5123)

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First Brethren Church (598)

1897 Burbank Rd. (Mailing address: Box 1,  
44691)

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216-345-7470)

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**ALBANY (Bruce L. Button)**

Grace Brethren Church (67)

Eighth and Ermine Sts. (Mailing address: 825  
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97330 (Tel. 503-753-9538)**BEAVERTON (James A. Willett)**

Grace Brethren Church (42)

980 N.W. 180th St., 97005 (Corner of 180th  
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Aloha, 97005 (Tel. 503-645-3138)

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Grace Brethren Church (26)

824 N. W. Migonette, 97030 (All mail to pastor's address)

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2932 Maple Ave., 16601

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(Tel. 814-446-6685)

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15954 (Tel. 814-446-6523)**BETHLEHEM (Ronald A. Guiles)**

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480 Bridle Path Rd., 18017 (Meeting at Moravian College Chapel, Main and Elizabeth Sts.) (All mail to pastor's address)

(Tel. 215-868-9215)

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18017 (Tel. 215-866-6160)**OSWELL (Harry J. Nonnemacher)**

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Pike Brethren Church (246)

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Miss Barbara Teeter, R. R. 1 (Tel. 814-322-4889)

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Mrs. Lionel Johns, R. R. 1, Box 191 (Tel. 814-322-4019)

**DILLSBURG (Lee H. Dice)**

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**DUNCANSVILLE (John E. Gregory)**

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14 W. Main, 15537

(Tel. 814-652-2697)

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2205 Swatara St., 17104

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P.O. Box 45, Riddlesburg, 16672 (St. Rt. 26, 2 miles south of Hopewell)  
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16650 (Tel. 814-928-4710)**INDIANA**

Grace Brethren Church (10)

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15701 (Tel. 412-463-9606)**JENNERS** (Richard M. Smith)

Jenners Grace Brethren Church (170)

Box 151, 15546 (Rte. 601 south of Rte. 30)  
(Tel. 814-629-9105)Mrs. Deloris Flanigan, Box 88, (Tel.  
814-629-9471)**JOHNSTOWN** (Wesley Haller)

First Brethren Church (342)

535 Napoleon St., 15901  
(Tel. 814-539-7815)Mrs. Lula Furst, 117½ Hickory St., 15902  
(Tel. 814-539-2711)**JOHNSTOWN** (Robert F. Spencer)

Geistown Grace Brethren Church (100)

730 Sunberry St., 15904 (All mail to pastor's address)  
(Tel. 814-487-5508)Darla Studl, 100 Elsie Dr. (Tel.  
814-266-5202)**JOHNSTOWN** (H. Don Rough)

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700 Liberty Ave., 15905  
(Tel. 814-288-1165)Mrs. Melvin Bassett, 107 Walton (Tel.  
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North Buffalo Brethren Church (76)

R. R. 4, Box 39, 16201 (1 mile south of Ford City, off Rt. 128)  
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Mrs. Judy Creel, R. R. 4 (Tel. 412-297-3584)

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Grace Brethren Church (228)

911 Rohrerstown Rd., 17601  
(Tel. 717-397-9991)Mrs. Betty Ann Sarik, 930 Imperial Dr., (Tel.  
717-898-7763)**LISTIE** (Fred Wm. Walter)

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P.O. Box 65, 15549 (3 miles north of Somerset on Rte 281, 1 mile east off Rte. 281)

Mrs. Sarah E. Graham, R. R. 1, Friedens,  
15541 (Tel. 814-445-5933)**LITITZ** (Jerry R. Young)

Grace Brethren Church of Lititz (159)

501 W. Lincoln Ave., 17543  
(Tel. 717-626-0110)Mrs. Orlena Felpel, 704 Pine Hill Rd. (Tel.  
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Mulberry and State Sts., 16662  
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Grace Brethren Church (400)

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17366 (Tel. 717-244-0662)

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Grace Brethren Church (146)  
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Grace Brethren Bible Church (47)  
1721 Adams St. (Mailing address: P.O. Box  
10144, Caparra Heights, 00922)  
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Anderson Grace Brethren Church (22)  
Meeting at Centerville School Bldg., Whitehall  
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Mrs. Jack Broyles, 1607 Whitehall Rd., 29621  
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Grace Brethren Church (94)

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Vernon Brethren Church (122)

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24084

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Grace Brethren Church (37)

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601)

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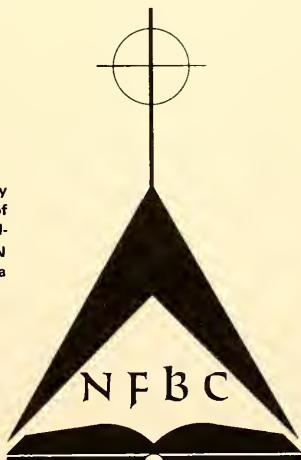
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Spreading the Good News  
at Christmastime  
Through Music

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## Dear Editor

□ Has there been another Genesis flood? Or are you simply exercising tremendous faith in moving mountains? On the cover of the October 1 issue of the *Herald*, someone of your fine staff has shifted our lovely rock formations in the Garden of the Gods in Colorado Springs from left of the three tiny crosses (a bit blurred but they are there—to the left side of the picture beside the smaller twin spires) to the right of them. We don't want anyone messing up what God so carefully placed so many years ago! Or was this by chance, a bit of editorial "pictorial" license? Seriously, we do appreciate the publicity for what we feel is some of the most beautiful scenery in the whole wide world!—*Colorado*

□ Thank you for including the article concerning "Brethren Minute-Men" in the last issue. We have received many of the letters and knew they were an appeal for money, but we were not aware of their history and of the \$1.00 per-layman idea behind their appeal. I'm sure that we will be more diligent and prompt with our gifts in the future now that we are better acquainted with the thoughts that went into creating the "Brethren Minute-Men."

We continue to appreciate your fine magazine in its entirety and pray the Lord's blessing for you and your staff.  
—*Virginia*

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## They Keep X-ing Out My Christmas!!!

By Charles W. Turner  
Editor

The sound of the bell is heard throughout the land. It is the sound of the Salvation Army bell ringing that calls attention to the traditional lassie or lad and the tripod. In the tripod hangs the kettle to hold the contributions of the concerned and generous ones. To some it is the certain sign of Christmas; to others it is a source of irritation and confusion. But it is Christmastime again and this scene is one of the reminders. Oh, yes, there are the Christmas songs, trees and wreaths, too.

With all of the joys of Christmas there are some things that we could do just as well without. I do not want to be Scrooge and ruin this great celebration with negative thoughts, but let me point out just one before I turn to the positive. My complaint is they keep "X"-ing out my Christmas. In order to shorten the name we see the over-worked-word "Xmas" all over the place. Some have tried to soothe me by telling me this is proper and the X is a historical symbol for Christ. But I have never received too much satisfaction out of that thought. We live in an age where initials have become the rage. We are all too busy to spell out any name in full. The GM, IBM and A & P, are just a few of the corporate symbols that we all readily recognize immediately. Even the church has accepted this custom.

I find myself guilty of using the initials "BMH" in most cases. Did you

ever try to tell a person who has never heard of you before that you represent the Brethren Missionary Herald Company? I even get letters addressed to "Dear Herold." So we say: FBC (First Brethren Church) or GBC (Grace Brethren Church)—and hurry on our merry way. In our "initial-anonymity" we should not be surprised if others do unto us as we have done unto ourselves. We have seen Christ replaced by an X.

Let me concede some truth to the symbol as being accurate, but I still do not like it. Because it is also true that an X to many speaks of negatives. We live, for instance, in an "X-rated" society, or we denote an "X" as an unknown quantity. Both such illustrations speak of the opposite of what Christmas is really all about.

One of the reasons for Christ's coming into the world was to take away the factor of the unknown. He came to make clear to men the truth of God. To reveal all the fullness of the Godhead bodily is a stated purpose in the Scripture for the advent of Jesus Christ. He takes the unknowns out of life by giving light on the origin of life, the purpose of life, and even the future of life beyond this earth. So the concept of an unknown as relating to Jesus just does not fit the picture at all.

I often find myself referring to the fact that "they" are doing something. But who are the "theys" in this case? It is easy in this instance to mean the commercial or business world that we accuse of using the season for financial gains. Or "they" could be those who do not recognize Jesus Christ as God. "They" are a very vague group of unknown people who we find difficult to really identify. But "they" must be there because "they" keep "X"-ing out Christ's name year after year.

Possibly we find this situation to be so distasteful as believers because of what is known to us as truth. So many of the people of our society just do not know Christ at all. He is an impersonal, abstract individual—more of a symbol rather than a reality. This thought should disturb us because it is the prime mission of the church and individual believers to make Him known to all. The very word "Xmas" may well say to us that our work is not complete till all men have had opportunity to hear and respond to the love of Christ.

So Xmas becomes a symbol of challenge of an incomplete mission of the church. May it be equally true that Christmas speaks of a more personal relationship to God. May it be more than a story, more than a season. May it rather be the truth that the Heavenly Father, in His love, sent Christ to this earth to die that we might have everlasting life.



# Musical, Athletic Groups to Tour During Winterim

Three music groups and the Grace Lancers basketball team will tour the United States in a variety of ministries during the winterim period before the second semester begins on January 20, 1976.

"Aletheia," the student group which toured the East last summer, will be in the area of Southern California. The Dimensions in Brass, directed by Jerry Franks, will be in the East, and Prof. Donald Ogden and the college concert choir will be in Florida. The Lancers, under the direction of Coach Phil Hoskins, will be on the Eastern Seaboard.



## LANCER BASKETBALL TEAM

- Jan. 4—Meyersdale, Pa., Grace Brethren Church
- Jan. 5—Game with Shenandoah College, Winchester, Va.
- Jan. 8—Game with Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Va.
- Jan. 10—Game with Liberty Baptist College, Lynchburg, Va.



## COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR

- Dec. 31—Nashville, Tenn.
- Jan. 1—Atlanta, Ga., Grace Brethren Church
- Jan. 2—Jacksonville, Fla.
- Jan. 3—Boca Raton Bible Conference
- Jan. 4—Fort Lauderdale Grace Brethren Church
- Jan. 5—Okeechobee Grace Brethren Church
- Jan. 6—Fort Myers Grace Brethren Church
- Jan. 7—St. Petersburg Grace Brethren Church
- Jan. 8—Seminole, Fla.
- Jan. 9—Maitland Grace Brethren Church
- Jan. 10—Daytona Beach
- Jan. 12—Columbia, S. C.
- Jan. 14—Tabernacle Church, Norfolk, Va.
- Jan. 15—Newport News, Va.
- Jan. 16-18—Roanoke, Va.
- Jan. 18—Radford, Va., and Charleston, W. Va., Bible Center Church

## DIMENSIONS IN BRASS WINTER TOUR

- Dec. 31—Ebenezer Mennonite Church, Bluffton, Ohio (tentative)
- Jan. 1—First Brethren Church, Kittanning, Pa.
- Jan. 2—First Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pa.
- Jan. 3—First Brethren Church, Waynesboro, Pa.
- Jan. 4 (a.m.)—Grace Brethren Church, Hagerstown, Md.
- Jan. 4 (p.m.)—Myerstown Grace Brethren Church, Myerstown, Pa.
- Jan. 5—Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Pa.
- Jan. 6—First Brethren Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
- Jan. 7—Haddon Heights Baptist Church, Haddon Heights, N. J.
- Jan. 8—Wantagh Baptist Church, Wantagh, N. Y.
- Jan. 11 (a.m.)—Grace Brethren Church, Lititz, Pa.
- Jan. 11 (p.m.)—Melrose Gardens Grace Brethren Church, Harrisburg, Pa.
- Jan. 12 (a.m.)—Milton Hershey School, Hershey, Pa.
- Jan. 12 (p.m.)—Hershey, Pa., area concert
- Jan. 13—First Brethren Church, Martinsburg, Pa.
- Jan. 14—Calvary Baptist Church, Altoona, Pa.
- Jan. 15—Pike Brethren Church, Conemaugh, Pa.
- Jan. 16—First Brethren Church, Uniontown, Pa.
- Jan. 17—Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio
- Jan. 18 (a.m.)—First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio
- Jan. 18 (p.m.)—The Chapel in University Park, Akron, Ohio





## ALETHEIA



Jan. 3—Alumni Fellowship Time (Long Beach-Los Angeles area)

Jan. 4 (a.m.)—First Brethren Church of Long Beach

Jan. 4 (p.m.)—San Bernardino Grace Brethren Church

Jan. 5—Alumni Fellowship Time, Inland Empire (San Bernardino, Beaumont, Rialto)

Jan. 6—Long Beach Community Grace Brethren Church

Jan. 7—Seal Beach Grace Brethren Church

Jan. 8 (a.m.)—Norwalk Brethren Christian School

Jan. 8 (p.m.)—Norwalk Brethren Church

Jan. 10—Youth Rally

Jan. 11 (a.m.)—First Brethren Church, Whittier

Jan. 11 (p.m.)—Community Brethren Church, Whittier

Jan. 12 (a.m.)—Whittier Christian High School

Jan. 12 (p.m.)—Lakewood Grace Brethren Church

Jan. 13 (a.m.)—Brethren High School, Paramount

Jan. 13 (p.m.)—Orange Grace Brethren Church

Jan. 14 (a.m.)—World Vision—Chapel

Jan. 14 (p.m.)—Westminster Brethren Church

Jan. 15—First Brethren Church, La Verne, Calif.

Jan. 16—Simi Valley Brethren Church

Jan. 18 (a.m.)—Bellflower Brethren Church

Jan. 18 (p.m.)—Westminster Brethren Church

Jan. 19—Alumni Fellowship Time (San Diego Area)





Nancy Emch, a member of the First Brethren Church of Rittman, Ohio, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Emch of Rittman, has been active in music, drama, and other activities. She was secretary of her freshman class, a cheerleader for two years, and has sung and played piano throughout her college career with musical groups including freshman ensemble, concert choir, gospel teams, operettas, and the oratorio society. She has also acted in dramatic productions, has been active in a nursing home ministry, and is currently a member of the Grace Schools Bicentennial Committee. She is a music education major.

Carol Balsbaugh Hively, an elementary education major, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Balsbaugh of Ripon, California, and is a member of the Ripon Grace Brethren Church. She was secretary of her sophomore class, president of the Women's Recreation Association, and has participated in volleyball, basketball, and softball. She has been a Child Evangelism class teacher, taught Sunday School, a dormitory resident assistant, a member of the Homecoming court, and received the Freshman Christian Service Award.



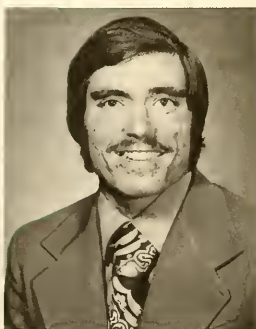
Jane Lengyel, a speech major from Quill Lake, Saskatchewan, Canada, was secretary of her junior class, directed the freshman ensemble, and has been active in personal evangelism, the nursing home ministry, and as a pianist in her local church. She was awarded the Drama Award for the 1974-75 school year, and participated in the touring drama team, readers theatre, and as stage manager for dramatic productions.



## Seven College Students Selected

Seven Grace College seniors have been selected by the college faculty to receive the honor "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities." The award, for which a number of college seniors are selected annually by the faculty, honors potential leaders in life and is based upon citizenship, leadership, campus activities, and general criteria, including elected and appointed leadership positions, attitudes, influence, and loyalty.

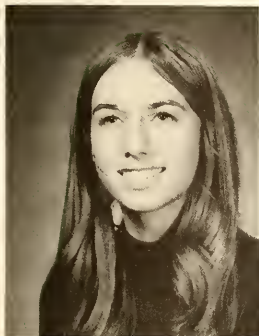
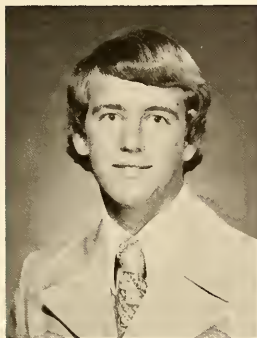
Those selected to represent the class of 1976 include Nancy Emch, Carol Balsbaugh Hively, Jane Lengyel, Mitch Lush, Nancy Moore, Dennis Schultz, and Kenneth Townsend.



Ken Townsend, a Bible major, is from Simi Valley, California, where his mother, Mrs. Marge Townsend, resides. He is currently a member of Winona Lake Brethren Church. He has been treasurer of Grace Missions in Action, president of his junior class, and has served on the student senate, student affairs committee, and the Bicentennial Committee. He has been a reporter and photographer for *The Sounding Board*, has played "B Team" and intramural basketball, has been active in Delta Tau Chi, and led the Beyer Home Bible Study group. For the past two years he has been active in the Winona Lake Brethren Church as a high school youth sponsor and Sunday School teacher.

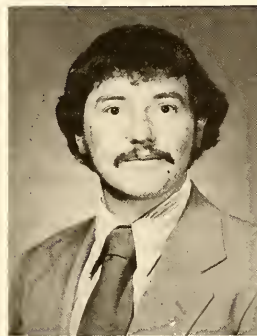


Mitch Lush, a Greek major from Beaver City, Nebraska, is a member of the Beaver City Grace Brethren Church and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lush. He was vice president of his sophomore class, and has served as president of Grace Missions in Action and led a GMA Bible study. He played soccer one year, and has been active in Delta Tau Chi and in the personal evangelism ministry.



Nancy Moore, of DeGraff, Ohio, is a sociology major. She has been president of Alpha Dorm, a representative of the student senate, and served one year as student senate secretary. She has sung with two quartets, with the concert choir three years, and has been choir secretary and treasurer. She has also been active in the nursing home ministry and has served on the Homecoming court.

Dennis Schultz, a sociology major from Akron, Ohio, is a member of Hillwood Chapel there and the son of Mrs. Viola Schultz. He has been president of his freshman class and student senate treasurer. He has twice been editor of the campus newspaper, *The Sounding Board*, and has been active in a Boys Brigade ministry. He has been on the college quiz team and was the winner of the 1975 Americans for America essay contest. He was also active in founding and serving as president of the campus Circle K club. Last year he served a journalism internship in Washington, D.C., with United Press International.



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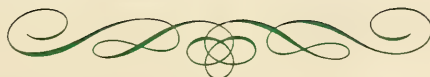
### Want To Study the Bible? You Can!!!

Grace College now has a two-year Bible Certificate program which includes 30 semester hours of Bible and 33 semester hours of general education courses.

Designed for those not wishing to complete a regular four-year degree, this program offers the opportunity to learn the Bible and also the Christian perspective on various disciplines, including how the hand of God has worked in history (taught by Prof. Wayne Snider) and how music can be understood and used as a ministry (taught by Prof. Don Ogden).

All work is applicable to four-year degree programs if desired at a later time.

For further information contact Director of Admissions Ron Henry at (219) 267-8191, ext. 117, or write to him at GRACE COLLEGE, WINONA LAKE, IND. 46590.



# Let's Preserve the Home

By Dr. Herman A. Hoyt  
*President of Grace Schools*

When creation was young, in the pristine glory of the Garden of Eden, God established the home. The creation of the man and the woman, made in the image of God and clearly distinguished from the animal creation (Gen. 2:19-20), was the crowning act of creation (Gen. 1:26-27). By a special act of creation to preserve the unity of the race, the woman was brought into existence (Gen. 2:21-22), and fashioned in harmony with the nature and needs of Adam so that he recognized this fellowship of nature and found in her a companion answering the deepest needs of his humanity (Gen. 2:18, 23).

In this human relationship of the man and the woman God established the first home, the fundamental unity of society. Joined together in an inseparable union, they became one flesh, so that in the most intimate relationships of life there was no shame. The inviolability of this union is clearly demonstrated and declared throughout the Old Testament Scriptures. Through the long history of mankind, regardless of the aberrations from the ideal, innate in the understanding of men as well as defined in the Scripture, this union has been accepted as foundational to society. Confronted by enemies with ulterior purpose, Christ took them back to the beginning and added His own sovereign approval to the inviolability of marriage and the home (Matt. 19:3-9).

## BUT WHAT ABOUT TODAY?

It would appear that today, as never before, an attack has been directed against the home. From almost every vantage point the home is being threatened. Is there not in this a Satanic strategy directed at God through the home?

The home as the fundamental unity of society was God's method of preserving and perpetuating mankind. By means of the home God planned to redeem a people for Himself. At first this was directed toward mankind in

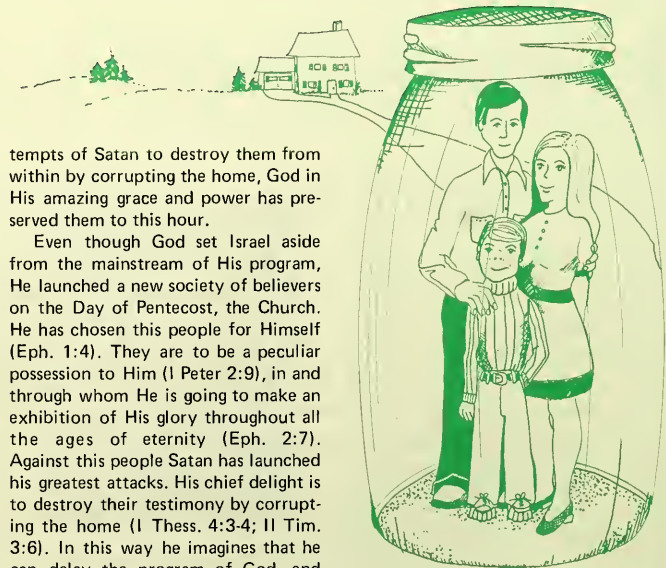
general. But under the direction of Satan the sin of mankind early threatened the existence of the entire human race. And this sin centered upon the home (Gen. 6:11-13; Luke 17:26-27). Only the intervening grace of God spared eight souls (Gen. 6:8, 13-18). But even with a new start, another attack was made upon the home (Gen. 19; II Peter 2:6-8). In spite of all of Satan's efforts, God has intervened in grace to perpetuate society.

But God had an even greater purpose in mind in His unfolding program through the ages. It was His purpose to save a people for Himself. This was His purpose in Israel (Ex. 19:5-6) and by mighty deeds He saved this people in Egypt when even their children were threatened with death (Ex. 1:15-22). He delivered Israel out of Egypt and kept them through 40 long years of wilderness wanderings (Deut. 4:34-37). In spite of the subtle at-

## CENTRAL TO GOD'S PURPOSE

Paramount in the purpose of God was to bring His Son into the world through the home. God promised that He would be a member of the human race as the seed of the woman (Gen. 3:15). In the family of Shem He would make His dwelling (Gen. 9:27). Then the promise was narrowed down to the nation of Israel. Christ was to be of the seed of Abraham (Gen. 17:8), of the tribe of Judah (Gen. 49:10), as a rod from the family of Jesse (Isa. 11:1), a branch out of the royal line of David (Jer. 23:5), and born in an insignificant village called Bethlehem (Micah 5:2) to a Jewish maiden by the name of Mary (Isa. 7:14).

This birth was into a godly home. Joseph, the legal father, was of the royal line of David traced back through Solomon. Mary, the mother, *(Continued on page 11)*



tempts of Satan to destroy them from within by corrupting the home, God in His amazing grace and power has preserved them to this hour.

Even though God set Israel aside from the mainstream of His program, He launched a new society of believers on the Day of Pentecost, the Church. He has chosen this people for Himself (Eph. 1:4). They are to be a peculiar possession to Him (I Peter 2:9), in and through whom He is going to make an exhibition of His glory throughout all the ages of eternity (Eph. 2:7). Against this people Satan has launched his greatest attacks. His chief delight is to destroy their testimony by corrupting the home (I Thess. 4:3-4; II Tim. 3:6). In this way he imagines that he can delay the program of God, and perhaps even bring it to destruction.

# "Priority of Progress" Dinner

The fund drive for a new \$800,000 Science Center for Grace College was officially begun in late October with a faculty-staff "Priority of Progress" dinner at the Winona Hotel in Winona Lake. Grace Schools President Herman Hoyt was master of ceremonies for the occasion, which featured displays by the natural science division. The showings included the "Priority of Progress" multi-media presentation by Dr. Paul Fink, the presentation of the Living Memorials Program, and the Faith-Promise Program by development officers Thomas Hammers and Richard Messner.

Faculty and staff members entering the hotel lobby early were greeted with a series of impressive displays in four areas—mathematics, chemistry, biological science, and physics. Among these interesting exhibits were "Calculating Devices Through the Ages," "Spectroscopy and Radioactivity,"

and a series of demonstrations of equipment used in the study of chromosomes, cell division, and the physical basis of inheritance. The physics display included lasers, holograms, airtable and strobe photography, an oscilloscope, and a film of the 1940 Tacoma Narrows Bridge Collapse.

In presenting the fund-raising program, Director of Development Richard Messner announced that approximately \$276,000 of the needed \$800,000 had been secured already through gifts and bond sales. In addition, 22 individuals have made faith-promises amounting to more than \$19,000. The faith-promise, he stressed, is to be on a one-, two-, or three-year basis *in addition to* one's regular giving to Grace.

In discussing the memorial gift opportunities available in the new facility, Messner indicated that those already "spoken for" include one large

classroom, one small classroom, four display cases, one faculty office, a darkroom and physics shop, the science library room, and the astronomy observation deck. A number of memorial gift opportunities remain, and a booklet describing them may be obtained from the development office.

The building program, as approved by the schools' trustees in their recent meetings, will begin as soon as a sufficient cash balance has been reached. Among the more unusual fund-raising plans was one by the college students in which they, working in a concerted effort to glean corn left in the fields in areas neighboring the campus, would sell the gleaned corn to local elevators to raise money for the project.

Further information on this project and on the faith-promises may be obtained by writing to Richard Messner, Director of Development, Grace Schools, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590.

## "Grace Gleaners" Pick Corn for the New Science Center

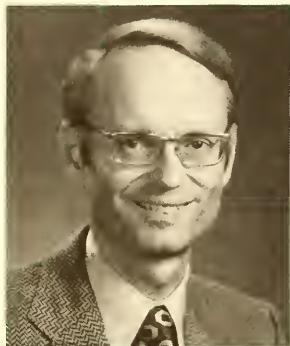
Approximately 75 Grace College students and faculty members participated in a unique program on a warm Saturday in November to glean unpicked corn from nearby fields.

The corn was then sold to a local elevator and the proceeds were given to the Science Center Fund. The Eugene Ringenberg farm near Pierceton, Ind., was the spot for the Grace Gleaners program. The corn was gleaned from a field which had been damaged by hail, and therefore had not been picked clean. In all, some 8,883 pounds of corn were gleaned, which yielded 121 bushels. Alumni coordinator Gerald Twombly was the staff member in charge of arrangements, which netted \$265.20 toward the building and equipping of the new Science Center.





The annual Grace Bible Conference, to be held this year February 10-13, 1976, will have a seminary homecoming emphasis and will feature as special speakers Dr. Charles C. Ryrie, professor of systematic theology at Dallas Theological Seminary; Dr. Kenneth O. Gangel, president of Miami Christian College; and Dr. John White, Jr., pas-



Dr. Charles C. Ryrie

tor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The opening session will be at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 10, in McClain Hall Auditorium on the Grace Schools campus in Winona Lake, Indiana, and will feature Dr. Ryrie who, as the L. S. Bauman lecturer, will present a series on the general subject of "Biblical Perspectives on Social Ethics." His lectures throughout the conference will include the relationship of doctrine, the Old Testament, Jesus' viewpoints, and the teachings of the apostles on the subject of social ethics.

Dr. Ryrie, who holds the A.B. degree from Haverford College, the Th.M. and Th.D. from Dallas Theological Seminary and the Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh, has been at Dallas since 1962. Prior to that he was an instructor at the Midwest Bible and Missionary Institute in St. Louis, taught at Westmont College, taught at Dallas Seminary, and served four years as president of Philadelphia College of Bible. He is the author of more than 15 books, numerous articles, has traveled widely, is a member of many professional societies and is a director of Word of Life Fellowship and president of the Central American Mission.

Speaking at the 9:45 a.m. hour

each day in Rodeheaver Auditorium to the combined college and seminary student bodies and their guests will be the alumni-sponsored speaker, Dr. Kenneth O. Gangel. Gangel, who has been president of Miami Christian College since 1974, will center his message on a family theme with an exposition of major passages on marriage and family living. His banquet address will be entitled "Slobism in Seminary and Society."



Dr. Kenneth O. Gangel

Gangel holds the B.A. from Taylor University, the M.Div. (cum laude) from Grace Theological Seminary, the M.A. from Fuller Summer Seminary, the S.T.M. from Concordia Seminary, and the Ph.D. in college administration from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. He has been a pastor, an academic vice president of Calvary Bible College, and was professor and director of the school of Christian education at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School for four years prior to assuming the Miami presidency. He has traveled in 45 states and 17 foreign countries and has authored 9 books and over 200 journal and periodical articles.

The R. Paul Miller Evangelism Lectures will be delivered each day at 11:00 a.m. by Pastor John White, Jr., of the Calvary Baptist Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. They will be on the general theme "Power in the Church" and will include the subjects of purity, prayer, programming, and preaching.

White is a graduate of Baptist Bible

Seminary and Luther College, and holds the Th.M. degree from Dallas Theological Seminary. He has done graduate studies in clinical psychology at the University of Iowa and holds an honorary doctorate from Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary. He has been a pastor for 17 years and, in addition to his pastoral ministries, teaches at the Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary. He serves on the boards of Grand Rapids Bible College and the Christian Development Center. He is one of the founders of "Perception, Inc.," a counseling service in Grand Rapids,



Dr. John White, Jr.

and he travels extensively conducting counseling conferences for seminaries, pastors, and laymen.

In addition to the scheduled lectures, the three speakers and others associated with Grace Schools will be conducting workshops and informal sessions throughout the conference which will be on topics of varied and practical interest to seminarians and visiting guests.

Further program information, lodging and meal arrangements should be cared for through the office of the alumni coordinator for Grace Schools, Gerald Twombly. Write to him at Grace Schools, Winona Lake, Indiana 46590, or call 219/267-8191, ext. 128.

# Grace Bible Confer- ence to Feature Ryrie, Gangel, and White



## LET'S PRESERVE THE HOME - (Continued from page 8)

traced her lineage back to David through Nathan. These two met, fell in love, and became engaged. During the period of engagement Christ was conceived in Mary by the Holy Spirit (Matt. 1:18-25). Being a righteous man, and owning first allegiance to God, Joseph was just about to divorce Mary according to the law, a legal act that was necessary to break an engagement in Israel. His intense love for this Jewish maiden led him to effect this in the greatest privacy in order to spare her. It was then that an angel revealed to him the amazing truth of Christ's conception. He learned that Mary, in obedience to the call of God, had willingly become the human instrument for Christ's entrance into the world (Luke 1:26-38).

Into this home Christ came. Here He was nourished up in the tradition of the law and the religion of Judaism. He knew what it was to attend the synagogue regularly (Luke 4:16). He knew what it meant to hear the reading and exposition of the Scriptures (Luke 4:16-17). In the atmosphere of this home He grew in grace and knowledge (Luke 2:40). At the age of 12 He was taken to the temple in Jerusalem where He was placed as a son of the law, and from this point on He was personally responsible to God for the keeping of the law (Luke 2:41-42). Even though He was conscious of His divine appointment from the Father in heaven to perform a task in the earth, He returned to Nazareth with His parents and was subject to them until He was 30 years old (Luke 2:51; 3:23). During this time He continued to mature in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man (Luke 2:52).


On the human side we have the explanation for that remarkable ministry which followed.

## MAY GOD HELP THE HOME TO- DAY

Far from this divinely intended ideal for the home, now it seems every effort is being made on the part of the world to destroy the home. Even within the ranks of the conservative ministry, under the guise of erudition and piety, provision is being made for the flesh, and the gates are being opened wide to dissolve the home, an act forbidden by Christ to man (Matt. 19:6). From these broken homes is issuing a stream of humanity that threatens civilization.

Even the Congress of the United States seems inclined to take action that may destroy the home and the nation. The recently proposed legislation for children, the "Child and Family Services Act," is felt by some Christians to signify a mood that could destroy the home and its provisions for rearing children.

This and similar proposed legislation should arouse Christians to keep careful watch on their legislators and to exert pressure where it appears that legislation would be counter to Biblical teaching.

Nothing but the restoration and preservation of the home as God intended it to be will work for the general welfare of the nation. Remembering the central theme of the Word of God, and the entrance of the God of creation into the world for a saving ministry in the atmosphere and surroundings of a home, ought to give new energy to Christians to preserve the home. 

# Honor Roll of Brethren Churches

A check of student records at Grace College and Seminary recently revealed that 18 Brethren churches have five or more students at Grace Schools this fall.

Grace congratulates and commends the following churches and pastors for their interest in, and commitment to, Christian higher education at Grace Schools.

| <u>CHURCH HONOR ROLL</u>                                                  | <u>NUMBER OF STUDENTS</u> |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Winona Lake Brethren Church, Winona Lake, Ind. . . . .                    | 43                        |
| <i>Rev. Charles Ashman</i>                                                |                           |
| Grace Brethren Church of Columbus, Ohio . . . . .                         | 34                        |
| <i>Rev. James Custer</i>                                                  |                           |
| First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio . . . . .                            | 21                        |
| <i>Dr. Kenneth Ashman</i>                                                 |                           |
| Community Grace Brethren Church, Warsaw, Ind. . . . .                     | 17                        |
| <i>Rev. David Miller</i>                                                  |                           |
| Fremont Grace Brethren Church, Fremont, Ohio . . . . .                    | 12                        |
| <i>Rev. Ward Tressler</i>                                                 |                           |
| First Brethren Church of West Kittanning, Pa. . . . .                     | 8                         |
| <i>Rev. Donald Farner</i>                                                 |                           |
| Grace Brethren Church, Lancaster, Pa. . . . .                             | 7                         |
| <i>Rev. Vernon Harris</i>                                                 |                           |
| Simi Community Brethren Church, Simi Valley, Calif. . .                   | 6                         |
| <i>Rev. John Gillis</i>                                                   |                           |
| Ireland Road Grace Brethren Church, South Bend, Ind. .                    | 6                         |
| <i>Rev. Scott Weaver</i>                                                  |                           |
| Grace Brethren Church, Jackson, Mich. . . . .                             | 6                         |
| <i>Rev. Gilbert Hawkins</i>                                               |                           |
| Ankenytown Grace Brethren Church,<br>Ankenytown, Ohio . . . . .           | 6                         |
| <i>Rev. Howard Snively</i>                                                |                           |
| First Brethren Church, Rittman, Ohio . . . . .                            | 6                         |
| <i>Rev. Robert Russell</i>                                                |                           |
| Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, Pa. . . . .                   | 6                         |
| <i>Rev. Robert Griffith</i>                                               |                           |
| Grace Brethren Church of Greater Washington,<br>Temple Hills, Md. . . . . | 6                         |
| <i>Rev. James Dixon</i>                                                   |                           |
| Ripon Grace Brethren Church, Ripon, Calif. . . . .                        | 5                         |
| <i>Rev. Larry Smithwick</i>                                               |                           |
| Bethel Brethren Church, Osceola, Ind. . . . .                             | 5                         |
| <i>Rev. Ward Miller</i>                                                   |                           |
| Grace Brethren Church, Canton, Ohio . . . . .                             | 5                         |
| <i>Rev. Richard Grant</i>                                                 |                           |
| First Brethren Church, Sunnyside, Wash. . . . .                           | 5                         |
| <i>Rev. John Terrell</i>                                                  |                           |



# THE SWITCHBOARD

Reports and comments about success in Christian Education from the Christian Education Department, Box 365, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Howard Mayes, director; James Long, assistant to the director.



Do  
Teens  
Work  
Too  
Much?

*Lines from Lewis*

Ever try to plan a youth program that was really meaningful—one where you wanted everyone to attend? Guess who couldn't be there? About one-fourth of the group because they have jobs. They may work on most Sundays, weekends or every evening.

Teenage employment is becoming an increasing problem for churches. Not only is it true among senior high teens but it is on the increase among junior highers. Parents encourage teens to work at very young ages to begin to save for a much-needed car, nicer clothes or for college.

Because of the problem of teenage employment especially during summers, some districts have been forced to either completely drop junior high and senior high camps or

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## Serving My Master...

### ...as a national

## SMM officer



**1975-76 National SMM Officers**

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These Grace students combine college with service as an elected officer of national SMM.

Not merely positions of honor, girls elected to serve are fully expected to serve.

In addition to the duties of her particular office, each is a working member of the executive committee—the "inner sanctum" of SMM where decisions are made and direction established.

This past year at national conference a very successful workshop was planned and presented completely under their leadership.

Being products of SMM, these young women recognize the potential ministry of SMM in the lives of girls and have pledged themselves to help.

# Public Relations and Christian Ministry

by Howard Mayes  
Executive Director

Every Christian organization has a public relations program. It may be weak, accidental, negative, damaging, good, bad, or indifferent but it is influential. The application of some of the principles used by successful public relations specialists can definitely help the Christian minister be more effective in reaching the goals he accepts as appropriate.

## Defining Public Relations for Christian Application

The term "public relations" means different things to different people. To some, the term itself has overtones of deception if not outright fraud. To others, the term is inseparably tied to commercial and materialistic goals.

But a proper definition of the term will open the door for many helpful lessons that Christian workers can learn from the field of public relations.

Such a definition is contained in chapter I of one of the standard textbooks on public relations authored by Scott M. Cutlip and Allen H. Center. *"Public relations is the planned effort to influence public opinion through socially responsible performance based on mutually satisfactory two-way communication."* This definition suggests three reasons why the practice of good public relations technique is not antagonistic to Christian ministry but is actually grounded in principles that are Biblically commanded.

## I. Public Relations Means Planned Effort to Influence Opinion

The concept of Christian missions is grounded in the fact that we have a responsibility to influence the thinking (and therefore the decisions) of worldly people.

If unsaved people are kept from Jesus Christ because of unfair opinions of the church and the people of the church, the result will be just as serious as if their negative opinions were grounded in fact.

On the other hand, Jesus made it clear that the Gospel was to be proclaimed to all people with the result that some would have their opinions changed and respond affirmatively to the offer of salvation.

## II. Public Relations Means Responsible Performance

Some have seen only the "press agency" concept of public relations. In so doing they have concluded that public relations means only "ballyhoo" and Madison Avenue hyperbole. Actually, an important part of public relations is planning to serve more honestly and effectively in meeting needs and providing services. Some may have gone overboard in their efforts to advertise the "full service church," but that is really no excuse for failure to analyze and study the Biblical concepts of Christian ministry and genuinely seek to implement these concepts as responsibly as possible toward the meeting of spiritual needs. Whereas the secular practitioner of public relations emphasizes "socially responsible performance," the Christian has an absolute standard of proper performance in the Word of God.

*IF THE SHOE FITS DEPT.*



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### III. Public Relations Means Two-way Communications

The message of the Christian church often goes unheard because the cry of a needy world is unheard by the church. Sometimes practitioners of the Gospel are so sure they have the answers for the world that they do not have the wisdom to stop long enough to give a courteous ear to the questions. It is not that the comments of the sinner are important in themselves, but through willingness to listen to what the ungodly are saying, we achieve the opportunity to give meaningful answers. It is interesting to note how often Jesus Himself encouraged dialogue with unbelievers. He was not teaching thereby that the viewpoints of the ungodly were in themselves valid, but teaching us by strong implication that if we are to be effective as communicators, we must be effective as listeners as well as transmitters.

One-way conversations can communicate authoritative information with profit, but two-way communication is more effective in influencing opinion.

The call for feedback in the communication process does not preclude authoritative proclamation from the pulpit (as suggested by some liberal thinkers), but should serve to

remind us that real people are the appropriate target of all preaching.

A man may be a skillful and faithful Bible expositor and still give evidence that he is in touch with what contemporary unbelievers are saying and thinking. This input from unbelievers dare never affect our commitment to Biblical authority but can provide a specific target area for Spiritual preaching.

Paul made a distinction between milk and strong meat in his preaching (cf. I Cor. 3:2). He was not thereby accommodating unbelief and humanistic philosophy in his theology but was recognizing that the level of receptivity (spiritual discernment) of his audience would make a difference in the content of a specific sermon on a specific occasion.

All the processes and activities by which pastors receive feedback for improvement of communication fall within the framework of legitimate public relations. More pastors are terminated prematurely due to poor public relations than poor preaching. This does not mean public relations is more important than preaching. It does mean that better attention to and more training in this important aspect of ministry is long overdue.

## PSA INSIGHT

A computer-evaluated Sunday School report of the  
National Fellowship of Brethren Churches

### OCTOBER CONTEST WINNERS

| <u>Div.</u> | <u>Church</u>                  | <u>Pastor</u>   | <u>Superintendent</u> |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| A           | Winona Lake, Ind.              | Charles Ashman  | Robert Ashman         |
| B           | Johnstown, Pa.<br>(Riverside)  | H. Don Rough    | LeRoy Spangler        |
| C           | Hagerstown, Md.<br>(Maranatha) | Jack Peters     | Robert E. Foltz       |
| D           | Union, Ohio                    | Ron Picard      | Carl Trimble          |
| E           | Washington, Pa.                | Shimer Darr     | D. Malone             |
| F           | Kokomo, Ind.<br>(Indian Hgts.) | Larry Gegner    | Gary Trimble          |
| G           | Indianapolis, Ind.             | Paul Woodruff   | Glen Baker            |
| H           | Okeechobee, Fla.               | Charles Davis   | Steve Rogers          |
| I           | Bethlehem, Pa.                 | Ron Guiles      | Ken Brown             |
| J           | Salem, Va.                     | Roger Odell     | Freddie Carroll       |
| N           | Hope, N.J.                     | Terrance Taylor | Earl Tarr             |

\*Average attendance of all reporting Sunday Schools\*—October, 1974—163; October, 1975—168

\*Growth index based on 179 reporting churches:  
October, 1974 weekly average attendance—29,338  
October, 1975 weekly average attendance—30,020-

Net Gain in reporting churches—682 persons or up 2.3 percent

\*Summary  
90 churches registered increases totaling—2,016  
97 churches registered losses totaling—1,334

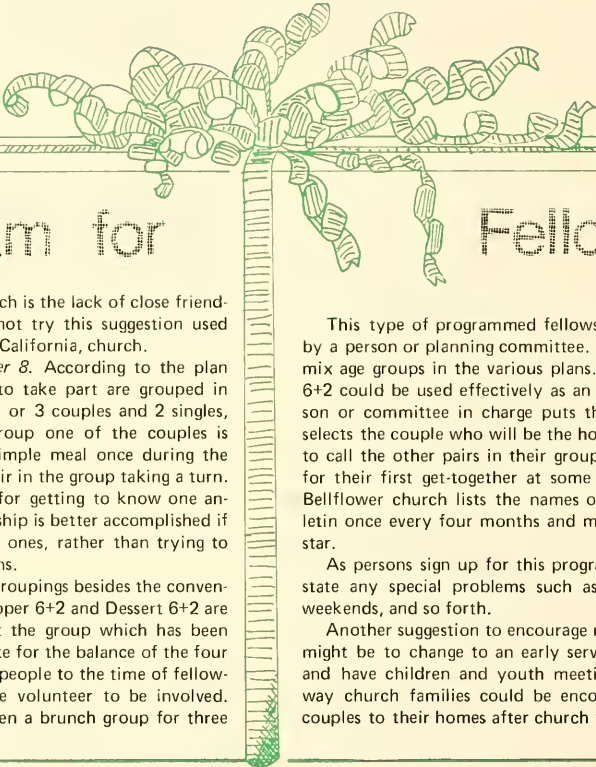
Largest numerical increase—Johnstown, Pa. (Riverside)  
Largest percentage increase—Bethlehem, Pa.

\* The larger the number of reporting churches, the more accurately these figures will represent the church growth picture of the National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. We urge the total support of the churches of the NFBC in this computer-evaluated church growth analysis which is provided free of charge to churches of the Fellowship by the Christian Education Department.

**RECORD ATTENDANCES:** Norton, Ohio—164; Canton, Ohio—202; Everett, Pa.—247; Kenai, Alaska—70; Hagerstown, Md. (Maranatha)—302; Hope, N. J.—51; Gresham, Oreg.—60; Anderson, S C.—30.



## NEWS AND VIEWS



### Program for

### Fellowship

If one problem in your church is the lack of close friendship within your group why not try this suggestion used successfully by our Bellflower, California, church.

It's a program called *Supper 8*. According to the plan people who indicate a desire to take part are grouped in companies of eight (4 couples or 3 couples and 2 singles, and so forth). Within each group one of the couples is responsible for hosting at a simple meal once during the four-month cycle; with each pair in the group taking a turn. It is suggested that this plan for getting to know one another well and enjoying fellowship is better accomplished if sitters are found for the little ones, rather than trying to have large multi-family functions.

There are various types of groupings besides the conventional *Supper 8* group. The *Supper 6+2* and *Dessert 6+2* are used with the suggestion that the group which has been organized find a couple to invite for the balance of the four get-togethers, thus introducing people to the time of fellowship who might not otherwise volunteer to be involved. Another workable idea has been a brunch group for three couples.

This type of programmed fellowship must be organized by a person or planning committee. It is most acceptable to mix age groups in the various plans. *Supper 6+2* or *Dessert 6+2* could be used effectively as an outreach tool. The person or committee in charge puts the groups together and selects the couple who will be the host pair. The host pair is to call the other pairs in their group to make arrangements for their first get-together at some time that month. The Bellflower church lists the names of all groups in the bulletin once every four months and marks the host pair by a star.

As persons sign up for this programmed fellowship they state any special problems such as swing shifts, only on weekends, and so forth.

Another suggestion to encourage more church fellowship might be to change to an early service on Sunday evening and have children and youth meetings after church. This way church families could be encouraged to invite other couples to their homes after church for times of fellowship.

### TEENS WORK (Continued from page 13)

limit them to weekend retreats. Rallies, outings, or programs geared to making new acquaintances have been cut in many places.

Not only is the working teenager hurting the church programs but it hurts homes as fewer families are able to spend time together. Whatever happened to family vacations or family game nights?

By encouraging teens to work at earlier ages are we keeping them from enjoying some of the very meaningful relationships which they could be making with other Christians in the youth group? It's so important that teens have opportunities to learn from each other and share victories and failures. Christian "body-life" should not be overlooked. Teens need each other.

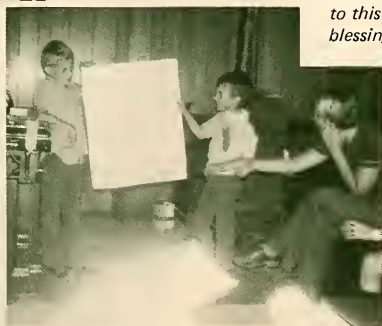
Even school activities are affected as fewer teens parti-

cipate in activities such as sports, music or student clubs because of the pressure to work.

It is true that we must be realistic enough to know that teens need to save money for college or special youth functions but not at the expense of their missing almost all of the opportunities and advantages of being a teenager. It's a time to develop proper thinking on values, friendships, direction in life. It is healthy to have jobs as teens but before starting consider your home, church and school. Will you have to miss all youth meetings or activities? Will you be able to get off from work for any summer programs or family vacations? Perhaps Matthew 6:33 has application for our day as well. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

# TIME EXPOSURE:

# Kentucky Reports from Summer of '75



"I believe I've learned and grown more during my seven weeks in Kentucky than during any other seven weeks in my life . . . it taught me a lot about simply living with other people and loving them for what they are. I also found that missionary work is not always exciting and glamorous; there's lots of hard work and drudgery involved. But I also found that it's worth it many times over."

*"I have learned to do a lot of things that I couldn't do before. For instance speaking in public. I've learned to carry on conversations with people I didn't even know . . ."*

"As John Sholly would put it, 'Dad gave me a spanking to put me in conformity to his will' . . . I feel I have received real training in missionary endeavor . . . I'm glad God taught me to put His will first and to do what He wanted me to do."

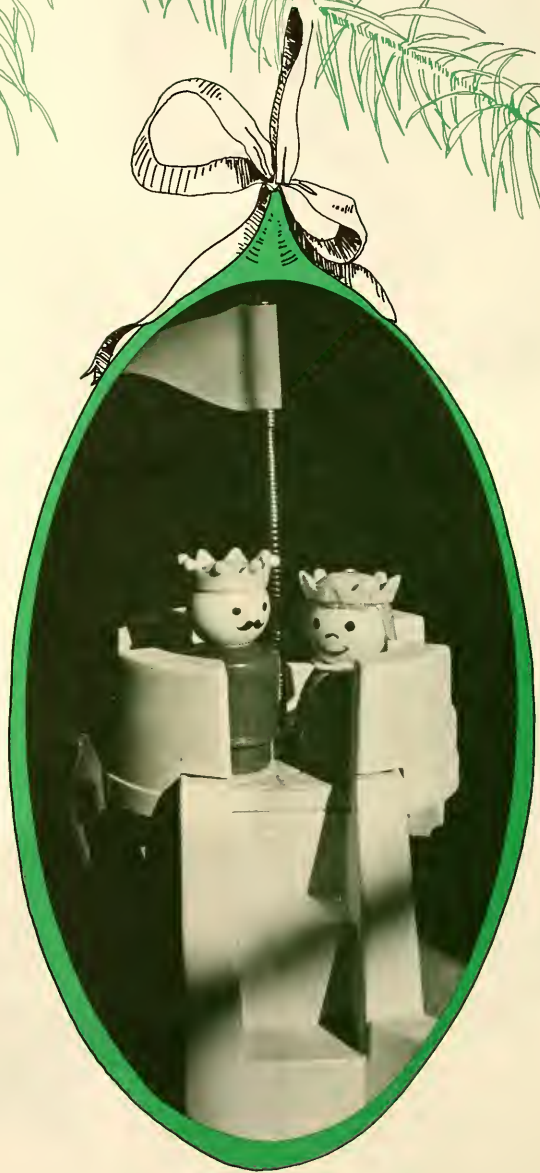
*"Most of the work done was just plain manual labor. I found that is just as important as the calling, Bible School, and so on. I learned so much spiritually; it was a great summer . . . thank you so much."*

"I have enjoyed the short term mission work because it was a time of hard work but at the same time it was fun and edifying. . . . This summer provided many lasting friendships which I feel no Christian can do without."

*"I never realized before that we have many different cultures or ways of life. The Lord helped me to adjust to this culture. I especially enjoyed the blessing of working with the Bible school program. . . . I am thankful that the Lord made it possible to serve Him in Kentucky."*

WOMEN  
MANIFESTING  
CHRIST

I'm a  
Child  
of the  
King  
in  
Giving





# WMC

## MISSIONARY BIRTHDAYS — FEBRUARY 1976

(Addresses may be found on pages 27 and 28 of the 1976 Brethren Annual.)

### AFRICA

Mr. F. George Peters . . . . . February 1  
Mrs. Edward B. Mensinger . . . . . February 4  
Mr. Gary L. Austin . . . . . February 7  
Rev. Edward B. Mensinger . . . . . February 13  
Kendra Lane Shultzman . . . . . February 16, 1972  
Miss Lois Miller . . . . . February 21

### BRAZIL

Heidi Theresa Johnson . . . . . February 6, 1972  
Rua Javari, No. 161, Uberlandia, Minas Gerais,  
Brazil S. A. 38.400.  
Mrs. J. Keith Altig . . . . . February 26

### HAWAII

Carrie Lee Coffman . . . . . February 11, 1968

### MEXICO

Mrs. Jack B. Churchill . . . . . February 2  
David Andrew Churchill . . . . . February 26, 1962

### IN THE UNITED STATES

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# SMM Thank You

"I would just like to thank the WMC ladies so much for the \$500 scholarship I received for being chosen as SMM Girl of the Year. I'm really excited about going to Grace next year! I'm not sure what I'll major in—I'm waiting for the Lord's leading. But I just can't praise the Lord enough for the privilege He's given me through this experience. Thanks so much. Tell all the ladies I love them.—*In Christ, Jill Burke*

(WMC Editor's note—This gift is made possible by your contributions to the annual SMM offering. That same offering also supports the Director of Girls Ministries in the Christian Education Department. Plan ahead to give abundantly in April.)

## OFFERING EMPHASIS

### GRACE SCHOOLS — \$5500 Goal

For supplies and equipment  
for the art department

Our Apologies. In the Nov. 1, 1975, issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* we listed six Birthday Missionaries. However, for the year 1975-76 only the first five missionary ladies listed on page 14 are the correct ones.—*BMH*



God the Father gave His Son, His Only Son.  
Wise Men and Shepherds brought the best of what they had  
On this, the King's Birthday,  
What are you bringing to Him?  
He asks for us—body, soul and spirit.

A Blessed Holiday Season to You

from

Your National WMC Officers.

*(WMC Editor's Note—What a delightful way to remind us to save for a designated project. You creative ones will spin off with other ideas for various seasons when certain projects need a "push." Two pieces of felt material stitched together on all sides except the top provide just the right visual for this clever idea.)*

## Next Christmas

Tho Christmas is far off we know  
It wouldn't be so shocking,  
To put a nickel in the toe  
Of your WMC Christmas stocking.

Since February is the second month  
You'll put in two, you see,  
While March the third month of the year  
Will call for nickels three.

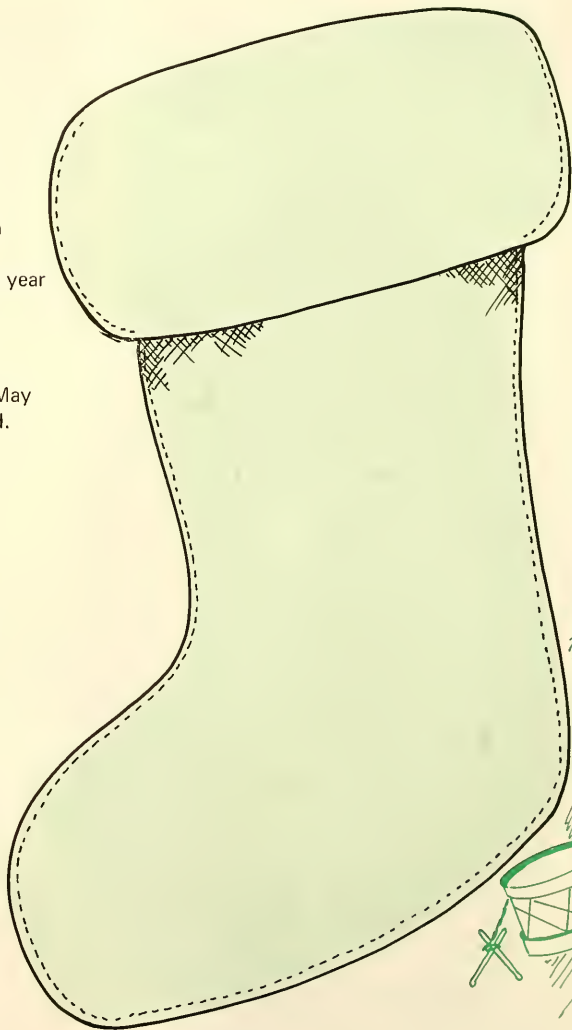
With April over you will have  
Four more nickels than you had.  
Now comes the pleasant month of May  
When five more nickels you will add.

Six in June, seven in July—  
See how your gift is growing!  
In August there'll be eight more  
Into your stocking going.

September nine, October ten,  
Eleven in November.  
December calls for nickels twelve  
You surely will remember.

Christmas nickels now are ready,  
Count seventy-eight in all.  
Or should you put a few more in  
We wouldn't mind at all.

Now bring your Christmas stocking  
(Be sure you don't forget)  
To our regular Christmas party  
And make it the best one yet!



*you provide!*



Bata, C.A.R.  
September '75

Dear Mary,

Can you imagine? Now I'm being called a "second termmer." That sounds good to me—with one exception. Before I went on furlough last year a fellow missionary said one of the delights of my second term would be to taste "bo-bos" (flying ants). I can't decide if that will be a pleasure or duty!

Of course, who would have ever thought years ago that squeamish Lois Wilson, who couldn't even stand a spider, would one day live and work in the land of "bo-bos"—and snakes. Did I tell you during my visit that I even had two snakes in my house at Bata? My first reaction was: "Well, of all the nerve, coming into *my* house!" So times do change, and so do we. I'm so glad when I realize the changes the Lord has brought about in my life, using His perfect plan for doing so.

As a little girl in Philadelphia, I often heard missionaries speak of Africa and their work there. For some reason all I remembered were the bugs, snakes and wild animals. So, being a missionary in Africa was, to me, not a very good idea.

Then we moved to the country. I "grew up" so much that one day I actually brought two slimy salamanders home from school. They were real fun—until they disappeared.

Through teen years (YFC camps and rescue mission services) and on into nurses training (my hospital was in a poverty section of the city) the Lord used many influences to help me see that when walking with Him, step by step, negatives *can* turn into positives.

Take Grace College, for instance. I knew no one there, knew nothing of the church supporting this school, and had no idea what my goal was after graduation; but through the Lord's leading, I attended Grace for two years. Of course, now I can see! There it was I would hear of the Brethren Church, Home Missions, and the Navajo work especially.

Though I had no idea of "what to do" after graduation in 1963, a classmate's suggestion to me to be a TIME missionary for the summer sounded great. After only a few weeks among the sagebrush mesas of New Mexico, I realized that this was where God wanted me at that time.

He had so many lessons to teach me there—such as not to scream when a thousand-legged spider fell off the ceiling right onto my face in the middle of the night. He also showed me the joys of being a teacher, something I had thought I never *wanted* to be.

After joining the Cherry Valley Brethren Church of Beaumont, California, I sensed a change in the direction of my life. The Lord sent Brethren foreign missionaries to Navajoland as part of their deputation tour. Several of these folks had a definite influence in my life. I also began seeing (with my heart) verses in the Scriptures that showed me that God wanted always to guide my life, never leaving me, promising always to bring blessing as I obeyed Him completely.

Then it happened—a trip to Europe and Africa was just plopped into my lap. I guess humanly speaking I could say Pastor Voloungo (now home with the Lord) was responsible for my being a second-termmer now. But I am sure it was the Lord who gave him the wisdom to say to me: "I will ask God to plant Africa and her people so firmly in your heart that you will never be able to tear them out." And who could ever say that God has not answered that prayer 100 percent.

Well, Mary, I must close and return to my studying. I'm teaching Hebrews to the Bible Institute women this semester and enjoying it so much.

So glad I could visit you last year and see how the Lord is guiding you as a Christian Navajo mother. Give a hug to my namesake, little Lois. I'm praying for you all.

In Christ,

Lois



# Brethren Home Missions Files Final 1975 Report

By Frank J. Poland

A few remaining days of 1975 will change this report very little. Holidays and vacations take their toll on the productive efforts during the year-end wrap-up.

The 1975 year started off with Santa Maria, California, announcing it was self-supporting. During the year this church has been negotiating for a used church building that could be finalized one way or the other—getting it or losing it.

A new church was added to the Home Missions roster when Armagh, Pennsylvania, was accepted and placed in the 1975 budget. David Plaster pastors the church that started as a branch of a former home mission church, the Riverside Grace Brethren of Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

On January 19, 1975, dedication of the Grace Brethren Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, followed a blizzard that passed through the area the night before. Following the church dedication was a week of special meetings with Rev. Robert W. Thompson, western field secretary for The Brethren Home Missions Council. This new work started with 17 upon Tom Inman's arrival, but had 244 present for the dedication service.

Hope, New Jersey, dateline February 1. Rev. Terry and Elaine Taylor with their family arrived here to start the second Brethren church in the state of New Jersey. A Minute-Man letter went out for help in support of the Taylors and the Northern Atlantic District Mission Board joined the Council in developing this new work.

The BHMC Board met March 11-13 and one of the early items of business was to approve the second new work in South Carolina at Aiken. At the same time a pastor was approved for this work on a full-time basis and later the Steve Taylors arrived to begin another home mission church with the

help of the Southeast District. Anderson, South Carolina, was the first point of contact for a Brethren church and this new group assisted in starting number two.

Ground-breaking day arrived on March 16 for the Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, brethren after having succeeded in escaping from the "red tape cocoon" which had required more than two years of struggle with New Jersey's Mt. Laurel City Hall. The service followed a fellowship meal at noon and a morning attendance of 100 people in the worship service.

The Brethren Home Missions Council added a new staff member April 15 when Tim Rager became our publicity secretary, filling an important need in the area of promotion. Tim is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Don Rager of our Conemaugh Grace Brethren Church. Pastor Rager was one of the "leading laymen" at the time the Riverside Grace Brethren Church, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, was started.

Things began to "warm up" in Brethren Home Missions during May. May 11 was Mother's Day and would you believe two home mission churches broke ground on this day? On their ground-breaking day Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, recorded 16 dedications for Christ—eight first-time and eight rededications. The hole dug by the "ground breakers" was filled with over \$1,450 in a special offering.

While this action was going on in Bethlehem about 3,000 miles west in Montclair, California, another group was breaking ground for an additional unit to increase their facilities. This educational unit was necessitated by the growth under the ministry of Rev. Allen Herr.

One week later, May 18, a new church was dedicated at North Kokomo, Indiana. William Smith of Wilkes Lake, Indiana, was the pastor.



speaker and followed through with a week of special evangelistic services. This work started as a branch of a former home mission church, the Indian Heights Grace Brethren and is being assisted by the Indiana District Mission Board and the BHMC.

A fire in Winona, Minnesota, destroyed a mortgage on June 22 when a special service was held for this specific purpose. Dr. Lester E. Pifer was on hand as a "volunteer" fireman in the event the blaze got out of control. Dr. Pifer also brought a "heart-warming" message for the occasion.

Dillsburg, Pennsylvania, was the location for a new home mission church dedication on Saturday, July 26. This new church erected under the supervision of Mr. Cary Engle and the leadership of Pastor Kenneth Wilt was dedicated by Dr. Herman A. Hoyt, president of Grace Schools. The dedication served as a dividing time in that Pastor Wilt terminated his part-time ministry on that day and Rev. Lee Dice began his full-time ministry.

August 1, another new church was added to the BHMC roster. Mission Viejo, California, was advised they had been approved by the directors of the BHMC in their annual meeting. At the same time Pastor Ron Graff was approved to begin a full-time ministry on September 1. The Southern California-Arizona District will be assisting in the full-time support of Pastor Graff.

September 7 the Bible Brethren Church of Glendora, California, installed their new pastor, Kenneth Churchill. Glendora was approved for assistance from the BHMC in a recent board meeting. The Glendora church has been in existence for a number of years, but has now become a home mission church in the NFBC. Pastor Churchill is the son of missionaries Rev. and Mrs. Jack Churchill. It was an eventful day with California district, BHMC and representatives from many area Brethren churches on hand for the occasion.

Mt. Laurel, New Jersey, is back in the news again for 1975 with a new church dedication taking place on Sunday, September 14. This was the great day in the ministry of Robert

Spicer at Mt. Laurel. It seemed this day would never arrive but it turned out to be a blessed one. It is the first new Brethren church building in this state. It was built by a local contractor and financed through the Brethren Investment Foundation.

The month of October started with a 15th anniversary for Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on October 5. This church started out as a home mission church and during a 15-year period was responsible for helping start five additional churches of which three were assisted by home missions. All six churches have new buildings and are self-supporting. The celebration included burning the Lancaster mortgage.

On October 15 the Executive Committee approved the Grace Brethren Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, building a second unit while the Brethren Construction Crew is on the job and in view of the numerical and financial progress that has been made by the church. Attendances have been moving into the one hundred area. The decision was delegated to this committee by the Board of Directors in their annual meeting.

Thanksgiving and Brethren Home Missions go together like "sugar and spice" in pumpkin pie. November is the final month for the traditional Home Missions emphasis. A delightful climax to the month of November was the ground-breaking service for a new home mission church at Orlando, Florida, on Sunday, November 30. Pastor John Diaz and this congregation have been looking forward to a building program and it is now a reality.

December is best known for Christmas and Christmas programs. In Brethren Home Missions it is year-end business activities and reports. Two letters received to date informed us that we can eliminate two more churches from our 1976 budget—Cypress, California, and Sacramento, California. They recently voted to go self-supporting in 1976! This is the kind of news we like to hear, and so it looks like we saved the best until last. A Happy New Year and pray for greater things to happen in 1976.



# Busing : One Thriving Ministry!



By Tim Rager

Have you heard the one about the Sunday morning collision between a bus from a large church in Virginia and a bus from a large church in Indiana as they both tried to pick up families for Sunday School in Texas? That's about the size of the controversy over busing.

Some churches do it successfully. Others do it unsuccessfully. Some don't do it. Others complain about those who do. Your reaction to this article about a thriving bus ministry will probably depend on which of these categories you defend. Regardless of your reaction to the topic, try to maintain a spirit of praise for what God has accomplished in this case.

Riverside is a quiet peaceful community on the outskirts of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Its size is limited by a large hill on one side of town and the Stonycreek River on the other. The town is mostly residential with the exception of a small grocery store. There is also a church—the Riverside Brethren Church. And is it ever going to town—or to the country as the case may be!

The community appears hardly large enough to support a church of 400 people. For most of the church's 22-year history, the attendance

steadied slightly above the 100 mark. When Pastor Don Rough arrived on the field in 1963, attendance was at a particularly low ebb. It took several years of putting the pieces back together before the numbers began edging upward again.

In recent years, however, the increase has been phenomenal. The count on September 7, 1974, was 227. One year later a figure of 410 appeared on the board.

Busing is responsible for much of this increase. With a fleet of six buses, some traveling 15 miles, a wide area around Johnstown is covered. It isn't just a "pick-'em-up-on-Sunday" deal. There's a method to this ministry.

Bus Director Jack Peters, Jr., has organized the program into a smoothly operating process. After taking his staff to hear a director of a large bus ministry, they were anxious to begin. On the first Saturday of canvassing, 10 people knocked on 250 doors. Only 25 signed up to ride the bus. On Sunday none actually rode. That's right—zero.

"There are times when you get discouraged," says Merv Vuckovich who works as bus co-captain with Fred Bentz under captain Gary Lydic. This was the first of those times.

A Saturday visit to the bus ministry revealed some of the mechanics of the program. A fellowship breakfast with all the bus workers at the church gets the eyelids open early in the morning. Jack Peters leads in a devotional and takes requests for prayer. Following a session of prayer, the bus teams divide and proceed to trace their routes.

Our tour with Merv and Gary led to several apartment complexes on the hills surrounding Riverside. As the familiar car pulls into the parking lot, youngsters burst out the doors from every direction shouting things like, "Hey, Gary! Walk on your hands for us!" (which he can do about as well as the natural way.)

"You've got to be their friend, get down on their level," notes Merv. "Not some guy who comes on a bus and takes them to Sunday School."

Gary often goes right from his job at Penn Machine to have an evening softball or dodge ball game with the kids on his route.

Today's results? Several kids from a broken home will be ready and waiting for the bus. An Oriental girl will go unless her friend comes to stay Saturday night. Well, maybe they can both go!

This ministry peaked last March



with 90 riding the bus. It dropped to the mid-40's over the summer, but had climbed back to 55 in early September.

Many of the bus riders are children. A junior church of 150 is not uncommon. But they're not all children. "Our bus has reached adults in at least eight families," claims Gary.

The list of bus contacts is also coordinated with the GROW evangelistic outreach. All bus contacts are followed up by a GROW team which presents a more direct salvation witness.

In addition to Saturday afternoon canvassing, bus secretaries are active Saturday night making phone calls to confirm riders. Sunday morning the secretaries call each home with a reminder that the bus will arrive soon.

A "pre-flight" safety checklist is completed for each bus by Larry Mitchell.

In strong support of the positive aspects of a bus ministry are the changed lives as a result of it. In the case of Riverside, Ken and Joanne Ray would be prime examples that a bus ministry can reach adults.

The Rays lived in Benscreek, a rural  
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Dale George and Vince Carns keep the buses in top running condition. They are putting a whole new floor in this bus, the original of Riverside's ministry.



Ken and Joanne Ray, who once used Sundays to "sleep it off," now dedicate their whole weekend to the bus ministry.



Bus Director Jack Peters meets with the bus workers at a Saturday morning breakfast. Devotions and prayer time precede canvassing.

Gary Lydic (left) and Merv Vuckovich meet their "bus kids" out on the street. A stick of gum is a welcome treat.



Interrupting Saturday morning TV, Merv Vuckovich and Gary Lydic confirm two more riders for Sunday.

## BUSING: . . .

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area on the bus route of Bob and Harry Rager. As Ken washed the car one Saturday, the two men stopped by to mention the possibility of riding the bus to church. The Rays hadn't been much for church in the past. In fact Sunday was usually spent recovering from the bars and dances of Friday and Saturday nights. But, certainly, the kids could go.

"We thought it was really super," admits Joanne, "that a church would take the kids out of our hair for awhile. We could rest better."

Everything was cool until the kids came home and talked and sang about Jesus. Ken and Joanne had decided to end their marriage, but the kids were so excited about that church. Going to a service with the children one time, they decided, would be a good note to end it on.

The couple felt out of place on a church bus, but, strangely, not in the church. "We had such a warm reception and the preacher preached like those old-time preachers on TV," Joanne remembers.

One taste was enough to bring them back to the church, and added a dab

of glue to their endangered marriage.

It wasn't long before a personal relationship with Jesus Christ was something they would have to decide for or against. Ken recalls that it wasn't until later they learned what prompted them to open their hearts to the Saviour.

"The bus people passed out our name on Wednesday night and the whole church was praying for us. How could we resist? They loved us to death."

That first step of salvation was not a cure-all for every problem, however. After seeing a movie dealing with the exorcising of demons, Joanne began suffering severe emotional problems. Even after her salvation, deep fears remained. The Rays wanted to exercise their newfound faith in the church, but weren't quite sure how or where.

"I couldn't sleep nights," says Joanne, "until we got in the bus ministry. Now our whole weekend is for the bus." And she sleeps at night.

Their weekend is indeed for the bus ministry. Instead of Friday-night bar hopping, the evening is spent planning for Saturday's visits and praying for each family. Saturday finds them carrying out the plans. Maybe they have a

ball game or a picnic with the kids. They look for needs in homes and try to meet them.

On Sunday it's up at 6:00 to prepare for the 90-minute bus run. The children ride along. Sunday dinner is later than usual because of the return trip after church.

When things seem to go wrong, the Rays remember they were on the other side of the bus once. Ken points out, "People have slammed the door in our face. Now we pass out *their* name in church for prayer, and wait for the Lord to open the door.

"In one family of nine, the kids come but the Mom and Dad still don't. But at least we can get into the yard now," he adds.

There it is—the "fruits" of a bus ministry. At Riverside, bus people are working and praying and winning. People are ministering. The walls of the church are bulging with no room to expand. The bus program at Riverside has created good problems. Growth problems.

There may be some with legitimate complaints about busing. But they would have a hard time convincing Pastor Jack, Gary, Merv, and Ken and Joanne to give it up.

# If the Old Year Doesn't "Add Up" Start the New One with a B.I.F. Savings Plan:

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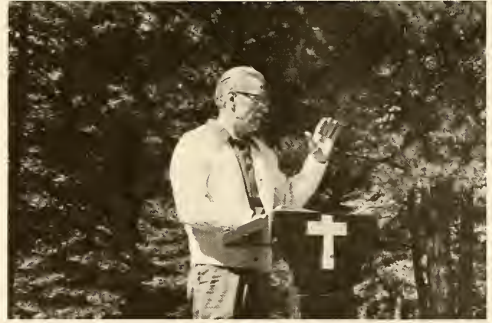
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Dr. L. L. Grubb's careful word studies were reminders of God's provision for His own.

Sparks leaped toward the sky as the charred cedar log crumbled in the evening campfire. Missionaries, scattered about on the hillside, edged closer to its rekindled heat as the evening chill settled down across the high mesa. The beautiful star-studded sky of New Mexico provided a cathedral-like atmosphere for the service of the evening. Soon the melody of a well-known hymn accompanied by a softly strumming guitar drifted out across the canyon as voices blended together in a paean of praise. Then there were the testimonies, hesitant at first as if reluctant to break the sacred spell; but then, as if on cue, each missionary shared his devotion to the Saviour. In the flickering light of the fire the speaker read slowly a carefully selected text and the minor discomforts of the hard seats were forgotten as each one gave rapt attention to God's Word.

This was just one of the many special sessions held at the annual Navajo Missionary Workshop at Counselor, New Mexico. Each class had its own distinct setting with only a few being held in the regular classroom. Dr. L. L. Grubb, a longtime friend of the Navajo Mission, was the special speaker for the week and his carefully chosen word studies from the Book of Colossians were challenging reminders of God's marvelous provision for His own. Not all of the time



A crackling fire adds atmosphere to an outdoor workshop session in the crisp evening air.



# Navajo Workshop

By Robert W. Thompson

was spent in study—many opportunities were given for fun and fellowship. The bus ride to the Cuba Mountains provided a time for laughter and “togetherness” as well as an opportunity to view God's artistry in the changing colors of the high country. Pitching horseshoes and playing volleyball proved to be exhilarating exercise for some, while others were content to sit and chat and drink in the beauty of Indian summer.

Juicy steaks hot off a camp-cot grill provided eating pleasure for an evening meal.



Sessions with representatives Pifer and Thompson centered around the direction and course of the mission with special emphasis on plans for the future. Various staff assignments for the coming year were considered, and a hearty response was given to the news that some added staff members were being considered for the mission.

Not the least exciting of all the activities that took place during the week was the well-kept secret “housewarming” for the Steve Camp family. Gathering one evening in the darkened living room of the newly completed apartment, fellow missionaries waited to surprise the happy couple with gifts of love. This addition to the dormitory, a co-operative effort of friends from many places, provided a sorely needed facility for this young family serving as dorm parents.

As a special treat and expression of love and appreciation for every missionary, there was a western steak barbecue with all the goodies. It was certainly an occasion to remember. In search of a grill that could facilitate the meat required for such a feast, the springs from an old camp cot were found to be just right! No dinner bell was necessary to alert the crew to suppertime and the line formed readily when the last succulent steak was taken from the fire.

On the afternoon of the last day the Navajo children began to return from their homes in the backcountry. Accompanied by their parents it provided an opportunity for a general celebration with lamb stew for everyone. The evening ended with a special Navajo service of singing and testimonies reminding us all of the true purpose for being there—to reach this forgotten people with the good news that Jesus Christ died for their sins so that they, too, might have eternal life.



A bus ride through the changing colors of the high country allowed a good time for fellowship.





# We're in the People Business



1—Lester E. Pifer, executive secretary.  
2—Frank J. Poland (left), administrative coordinator; Robert W. Thompson, western field secretary; Marilyn Orlando, office secretary; Cashel Taylor, key punch operator.  
4—Tim Rager (left), publicity secretary; Louise Blankenship, bookkeeper; Jeanette Scofield, receptionist.



What do you think about when someone mentions Brethren Home Missions? A building? An organization? A slide-tape presentation?

We hope not. When we talk about Home Missions, we are not speaking of a remote and impersonal system. We are talking about *people*. In fact, we like to think we are in the people business.

The organization is not an end in itself, but rather a means to an end—an end that has far greater significance than some mere corporate entity. We are dealing in a commodity that is priceless—the souls and lives of individuals. In the words of our Lord, "What shall a man profit if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

Brethren Home Missions is concerned about those people who are so anxiously gaining the world while losing their soul. People in every state and city are involved in this endless search. Every community in America needs a strong gospel witness.

You can be involved in this people business, too, by supporting the ministry of Brethren Home Missions with your offerings. Would God have you join the people who are reaching people?

1—Brethren Architectural Service staff: (l to r) Richard VanderMeulen, architect; Raymond Clouse, architect; Roy Gronning, architectural draftsman; Ralph C. Hall, director of building ministries; Kathy Herman, secretary. 2—Brethren Architectural Service part-time draftsmen: (l to r) Robert Lawton, Howard Downing, Stephen Dearborn. 3—Brethren Investment Foundation staff: (l to r) Wanita Ogden, bookkeeper; Florence Figert, secretary; David R. Grant, accountant; Walter R. Fretz, financial secretary.

**Brethren Home Missions Council**  
Winona Lake, Indiana



# More than Turkey Stuffing

By Tim Rager

Here's a short one-question quiz for you. Stuffing is: (a) something you put in your Christmas turkey; or (b) a job you perform to reduce the debt on land for your new church building.

If you're undecided, ask the people in Armagh, Pennsylvania, and they will be quick to tell you the answer is "b." They have gained valuable experience in the art of stuffing for the local newspaper, the Johnstown *Tribune-Democrat*.

Early this year Pastor David Plaster became aware of the stuffing project offered by the newspaper. He immediately saw it as a great opportunity to raise funds for reducing the debt on the land on which the Armagh church would be built.

So what is stuffing? From time to time during a month merchants such as Sears, K-Mart and some local establishments place advertising fliers in the paper. These are supplied pre-printed by the merchant, but they must be inserted in the paper. A crew of about 40 stuffers is required to perform this task.

Though other organizations participate, the *Tribune-Democrat* has named Armagh "fastest stuffers in the East." They are called upon regularly, especially when there are two or more inserts. The number of inserts also determines the pay. One insert brings \$200; two inserts—\$400; three inserts—\$500; and four inserts—\$600. Pretty decent for a day's work wouldn't you say?

You may not agree if you happened to be on the "red eye" crew. The paper is published twice a day—morning and evening. Stuffers for the morning edition must be on the job early—like 3:00 a.m. early! To top it all off, some stuffers work both shifts.

The crews are not manned totally by the Armagh church, however. Supplying stuffers on a regular basis is the Riverside Brethren Church, "mother church" of Armagh. Their assistance becomes a missions project. Occasionally there is a Riverside day, and they take home the check.

Paper stuffing probably stands as the most unique debt reduction project among home mission churches. It has also been a uniquely profitable one. According to Pastor Plaster, over \$4,000 was raised in the past year. Plans are to equal that amount again in 1976.

A tedious, unglorious job is paper stuffing. But when the land has become an asset and the building stands completed, the project will be a warmly unifying memory.

We commend the Valley Grace Brethren Church for their dedication and commitment, the stuff a good church is made of.



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1—The roar of the huge presses keeps stuffers constantly aware that there is more to come. 2—Folded newspapers drop from the press in pre-counted stacks. Carriers hustle an armload off to the stuffers. Here Pastor David Plaster picks up a bundle. 3—A stuffing crew of about 40 is needed to handle the task efficiently. 4—While others continue, an upraised hand alerts carriers that more papers are needed. Finished stacks are carried out to be tied and put on the delivery truck.



# NEWS SUMMARY

FROM THE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF BRETHREN CHURCHES AND THE EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

• **Important Notice.** In accordance with action taken by the delegates of the 1975 national conference, distribution of future issues of the *Brethren Annual* will be as follows: Three copies to each Brethren church, one copy to each Brethren minister, and one copy to each *Missionary Herald* subscriber who requests it. (Note: some churches have requested more than three copies, and the Herald Co. will honor these standing orders.) Those *Herald* subscribers who would like a copy should drop a note to the Herald Co., Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. A sufficient number will be printed to assure an adequate supply for everyone needing a copy. The 1976 *Annual* will be ready for distribution December 1, 1975.

• **Grace Village—Winona Lake, Ind.** We have rooms available for over-night guests. If you come to Winona Lake for board meetings, committee meetings, special conferences or to visit friends we would like to share our hospitality with you. For information on the rates or for reservations write to: Administrator, Grace Village, P.O. Box 337, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590. Or call 219-269-2499.

• **Vacationing in Hawaii?** Need a place to stay? Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Coffman (parents of Pastor Clifford "Kip" Coffman) own an apartment in Waikiki which they rent out nine months of the year. They are willing for this to be used for the work of the Lord. If there are folks who would like to stay in the apartment while in Hawaii they may do so and then make a gift to the Waimalu Grace Brethren Church.

It is a 2-bedroom, furnished apartment in Waikiki, Hawaii. For further information and scheduling please contact Mrs. C. L. Coffman, 98-404 Ponohale St., Aiea, Hawaii 96701 or call 808/488-6006.

• **Englewood, Ohio.** A NEW blue Dodge with a beige vinyl top is a recent addition to the parking lot of the Grace Brethren Church. It belongs to the pastor because of the generosity of Englewood Grace Brethren members! The car has been purchased with available church funds. (Do you suppose Pastor Gerald Polman has been preaching on stewardship?!)

• **Post-conference tour planned.** Next year's national conference will be held Aug. 6-13 in Long Beach, Calif. A one-week tour to Hawaii begins Saturday, Aug. 14, and will feature tours of three islands and a Sunday visit to our churches. Cost will be about \$450. Write for further information—Brethren Missionary Herald, Box 544, Winona Lake, Ind. 46590; or to Rev. Ralph Colburn, 5885 Downey Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90805.

• **Important.** This double-size, Dec. 15 year-end issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald* will be the only one you will receive this month. Editor Charles W. Turner and the *Herald* staff would like to take this opportunity to wish each reader a joyful and blessed Christmas season.

• **Grace College—Winona Lake, Ind.** We are going to refurbish the platform of the McClain Hall Auditorium in order to make it more of a worship center. A part of that refurbishing would be to use the older type of pulpit furniture. If there are any churches that have pulpits and platform chairs they would be willing to either donate or sell to the College please contact Chaplain Lee Jenkins. The student body will refinish any furniture that needs it. Send all information to:

Chaplain Lee Jenkins  
Grace College  
P.O. Box 397  
Winona Lake, IN 46590

• **Jackson, Mich.** The Grace Brethren Church was pleased to have Dr. Virgil Brock present a musical concert on Oct. 8. He has written hundreds of songs, one of which is "Beyond the Sunset."

• **Our Apologies!** The picture captions were reversed for the article on page 9 of the Nov. 15 issue of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*.

• **It's A Girl!** Rev. and Mrs. David R. Plaster are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Rachelle Marie on Oct. 26, 1975. Both mother and daughter are doing fine.

• **We've Moved . . .** Rev. and Mrs. Ray Davis have moved from the D & D Missionary Home in Florida to the following address: R. R. 5, Box 416-A, Covington, Va. 24426. Any correspondence should be sent to this address.

• **New Holland, Pa.** "Family Life Month" was the theme for the month of October. Realizing how families are falling apart in these days, the emphasis throughout the month had a good variety of speakers, seminars, films, and discussion times. A book table was set up where a number of good books that related to the family were displayed and sold. We also gave away many tracts and booklets from the Narramore Christian Foundation, and other family-related material. Overall it was a great month and well supported by our people. The single folks now want equal time so a "Single Life Month" might be our theme in the near future!

## Wedding Bells

A six-month's free subscription to the *Brethren Missionary Herald* is given to new subscribers whose addresses are supplied by the officiating minister.

Elaine Hancock and Mark Terrell, Aug., Grace Brethren Church of Huber Heights, Dayton, Ohio. Rev. Dennis Beach, brother-in-law of the bride officiated, assisted by Rev. John Terrell and Pastor Jim Poyner.

JoAnn Hinch and Brad Bibey, Sept. 20, North Riverdale Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Sally Speroff and Richard McNally, Sept. 27, Indian Heights Grace Brethren Church, Kokomo, Ind.

The following couples were married in recent months by Rev. Luke E. Kauffman at the Grace Brethren Church of Myerstown, Pa.

Debra Cox and Donald Williams  
Sheila Swoyer and Michael Folmer  
Dawn Brightbill and Dale Bowman  
Mary Beth Gerrarabrant and Glenn Eaton  
Gisele Keeney and Kenneth Hamm

Kathy Price and Ronald Swank, First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Raquita Kay Swank and Rick Kelly, First Brethren Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Mary Male and David Stockeland, Aug. 16, Warsaw Community Grace Brethren Church. The ceremony was performed by Pastor David W. Miller and assisted by the bride's father, Dr. E. William Male.

Eva Marston and Tom Merryman, Sept. 27, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Sandy Miller and Laverne Nickles, Oct. 11, First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio

Pamela Shepherd and Charles Noble, Oct. 11, Clayhole Brethren Church. Rev. Sewell Landrum performed the wedding ceremony.

• **Lantana, Fla. (EP)**—The average American child sees the destruction of 13,400 human beings on TV by age 15.

"We found that children massively saturated with violence on TV become desensitized to violence," said a psychology professor at the University of Utah.

• **Evangelism Itinerary Planned.** Rev. Herman H. Hein, Jr., recently retired pastor of Kenai, Alaska, is now living in Yakima, Wash. He and his wife are planning to travel across the nation for the specific purpose of serving in our churches. He will hold evangelistic, Bible conference, soul-winning, special, or any other kind of meetings that the pastor would request of him. The place of departure will be Yakima, Wash. They plan to travel down the west coast through California and Midwest, and the East. From the East, they will head down the coast to Florida, returning to Wash. by any way the meetings are scheduled. The dates encompassed in this trip will be Oct. 15, 1976 to March 1977. If your church wants to be included in the scheduling of meetings please write to:

Herman H. Hein, Jr.  
1316 S. 43rd Ave.  
Yakima, Wash. 98902

## In Memory

Notices of death appearing in this column must be submitted in writing by a pastor.

**ANDLAUER, Dr. Carl** (72). He attended the First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio, for many years, and was the father of Mrs. Gerald Root who is serving the Lord in our Covington, Ohio, church. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

**CRAIG, Beatrice L.** (78), Oct. 8. She was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church of Philadelphia, Pa., for many years. She served her Lord in various capacities including deaconess, Sunday School teacher and head of the Home Department. Roger Wambold, pastor.

**DISNEY, Bertha** (91), Sept. 24. She faithfully attended the First Brethren Church of Portis, Kans., and was a member there as well. Clarence Lackey, pastor.

**GUTHRIE, Eleanor** (50), Sept. 28. She was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio. Knute Larson, pastor.

**HUELSMAN, Evelyn**, (Sept. 26) and Al (Oct. 11). Both were members of the Grace Brethren Church in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Lee Friesen, pastor.

**ICKES, George** (65), Sept. 22. He was a member of the Grace Brethren Church, Ashland, Ohio. Knute Larson, pastor.

**JOHNSON, Edith Ann** (66), Oct. 11. She was the mother of two missionary personnel, Jane Peters in Africa and George Johnson in Brazil as well as the mother of Rev. Art Johnson of Banning, Calif. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

**MESSER, Frank**, Aug. 19. He was a faithful member of the First Brethren Church, Wooster, Ohio. Kenneth Ashman, pastor.

**MORRILL, George** (64), Oct. 2. He faithfully attended morning worship services of the First Brethren Church of Portis, Kans. He was fatally injured in a tractor accident at his farm. Clarence Lackey, pastor.

**WERNER, Daniel** (82). He was a beloved and very active member of the Grace Brethren Church of Elizabethtown, Pa. Warren E. Tamkin, pastor.

**WYSONG, Harley** (77). He was a member of the First Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio, for 52 years, and served well on the board of trustees for more than 25 years. G. Forrest Jackson, pastor.

**YARGER, Brooks D.**, Sept. 26. He attended the First Brethren Church of Whittier, Calif., and would have been 104 in December! Merton A. Lambert, pastor.



**STEFFLER, Rev. William A.**, 75, Nov. 11. He held pastorates in New Jersey, Philadelphia, Pa., Dayton, Ohio, and Hatboro, Pa. The memorial service was conducted by Rev. Paul Dick of Winchester, Va., and Pastor Ken Stoll of Suburban Grace Brethren, Hatboro, Pa.

•Roanoke, Va. (Ghent). "Homecoming" was an eventful day at the church. Rev. Mason Cooper, one of our own "preacher boys" was the special speaker for the morning worship service. Following the a.m. service, a time of fellowship and fun was enjoyed during a carry-in basket dinner. At 2:30 p.m. another one of our "preacher boys," Rev. Murl Updike, was ordained. Following the special ordination service, Mr. Updike was the speaker for our Sunday evening service. The entire day was a wonderful time of spiritual refreshment!

•Ashland, Ohio. Kevin Huggins, with his wife, Tina, recently began full-time ministry as youth pastor at the Grace Brethren Church (West Main). His area for support and direction will be the junior high and senior high. Dale Hammond, a recent graduate of Ashland Seminary recently joined the church and staff as intern for the year of study and ministry. Pastors Knute Larson and John Teevan.

•Roanoke, Va. (Clearbrook). Retired but not finished! God blessed the Word, presented by Rev. Henry T. Barnhart of Kettering, Ohio, during a recent week of meetings. At the Clearbrook Grace Brethren Church, 26 public decisions were made. Our prayer is to continue to move forward for God.

•Anderson, S.C. All attendance records were broken one Sunday in November when 38 visitors from the Grace Brethren Church of Ashland, Ohio, came to present the morning worship service. The Born Again group of young people provided 30 minutes of music and 10 minutes of testimonies for our edification. Praise the Lord for enthusiastic young people!

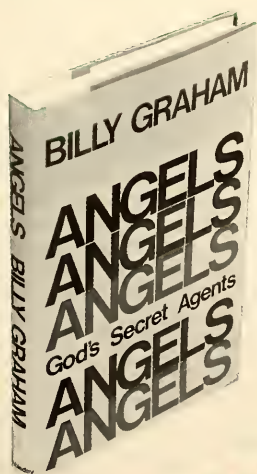
Another note of praise concerns the fact that a Grace Brethren Bible class is being conducted in Columbia, S. C. Pastors Marion Thomas and Steve Taylor of Aiken, S.C., are cooperating in this new outreach effort.

•Richland, Wash. Pastor Lew Ingwaldson terminated his ministry here on Sept. 23. On the final Sunday morning service a lady (74 years old) professed Christ as her Saviour. In the afternoon, a going-away picnic was held and around 40 friends attended. The day was climaxed with a baptism of a Roman Catholic man to whom the pastor had been teaching the Bible for over a year. Mr. Ingwaldson's present address is: Gen. Del., Kirtland, N. Mex. 87417, and he is available for a pastorate.

#### PRAY FOR THESE MEETINGS

Buena Vista, Va. Jan. 4-9. Lester Kennedy, pastor; Nathan M. Meyer, speaker.

# The-HERALD-BOOK-CLUB



## ANGELS: GOD'S SECRET AGENTS

by Billy Graham

About the selection: Angels are mentioned 300 times in the Bible, but little attention has been given to this subject in recent years. Now there is a renewed interest and with the large amount of publicity this book will move to the best-seller list rapidly.

Cloth bound and published by Doubleday it retails at \$4.95. Herald Book Club price is \$3.95 with cash, check or money order.

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# There Must Be Someone

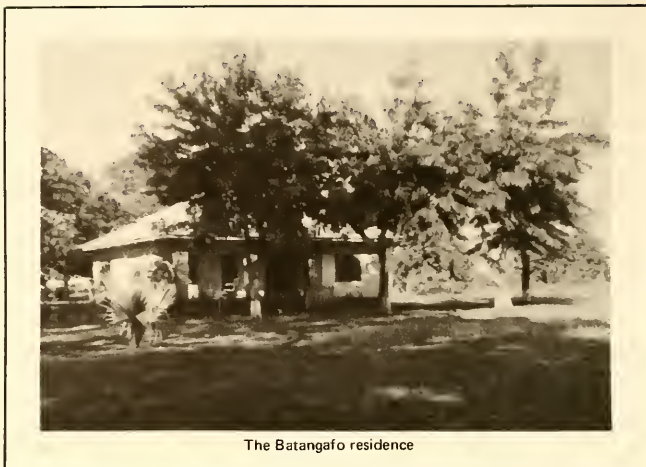
Over in the Central African Republic—at Batangafo, off in the extreme northeast corner of the Brethren field—two missionaries are laboring for the Lord, caring for a vast area with far more work to be done than any one couple could ever be expected to do. Furthermore, this is not a young, vigorous couple, but two people who are already of retirement age. “There is still no one to take up the work when we leave and the need is so great,” wrote Rev. Robert Williams recently. “We badly need three missionary elders to care for the work on this side of the field. Not to take our place, but to do the work we are doing *plus* all the work we are having to leave undone.”

Robert and Lenora Williams have served in this land for many years, and much of this time they have been stationed at Batangafo. The time is rapidly approaching—now just a few months away, in fact—when they anticipate leaving the field for retirement. They have already served one term more than they expected.

At several times Mr. Williams has written articles which have been printed in either *Foreign Missions Echoes* or the *Brethren Missionary Herald*, in which he has pleaded for more workers, and especially for those who would replace him and his wife in this particular fruitful area where the Africans themselves are so desirous of more missionary help. He has said:

“What would you do if you had only three more years to live and serve your Master? It is a safe bet—if one dares to use the gambler’s language—that you would be putting forth your best efforts to make your time and your testimony count for Him.

“Suppose that you have a spiritual ministry among 150,000 people, and have only three more years to serve. You have given the best of your life ministering among these people. The work is promising; it is progressing but incomplete. And now the end of your ministry is in sight and there is no one to replace you, no one to take up the torch and carry on. Would you look forward with joyful anticipation to packing your bags and going home to a



The Batangafo residence

life of ease and retirement among loved ones? Would you not feel a burden for the unfinished work? Would your heart not be torn with compassion for the multitudes who are debilitated and dispersed and without a shepherd? . . .”

Again, at another time, he wrote: “We have a house to let.

“A nice brick house, stuccoed, with a large living-dining room—bright and cheerful—and a little solarium. Fact is, it wouldn’t be hard to have a separate dining room if you wanted it. The house was built in the days when we built two kitchens—one for preparing the food and the other for doing the cooking, to keep some of the heat out of the main part of the house. It wouldn’t take much remodeling to make one of them into a nice dining area. Two large bedrooms; a roomy bath. Sorry, no air-conditioning. But, neither do you have to worry about fuel bills in winter, or turning back the thermostat, or putting on two sweaters to keep warm.

“There is also a nice set of out-buildings: a garage, lots of storage space, a shop, an office with an outer office—if you want a secretary or if you have an assistant.

“The grounds are spacious with plenty of room for children to play, and lots of big shade trees. In fact, it is

a regular park. The atmosphere is quiet and restful for the grown folks. The neighbors are Christian and congenial.

“The rent is free and you have a car available for your use and convenience. . . .”

Then he admonished:

“It will not be easy. You will have to make your own life, with God’s leading, among your national neighbors. At present our nearest Brethren missionary neighbors are 200 miles away. The next nearest are 250 miles away at the capital city. The latter road is usually open and fairly good. The other is not always.

“You will have some natural disadvantages—being rich Americans. But still the people will love you if you love them and forget race and color and culture and try to be one of them. And oh, how much they need you. . . .”

And yet another time he wrote:

“I rebel! I am getting old—old enough to be retired. But it’s not my age at which I’m rebelling; after all, one can’t very well carry on a dispute with the calendar on the wall and the ravages of age. . . .

“The reason? I rebel—at my age and state of deterioration—at still having to skitter around the countryside like a youngster, trying to keep the Lord’s work moving in the right direction.



The Batangafo church

Missionaries Roy Snyder and Robert Williams with African pastors



"I am responsible for three Elementary Bible Schools between here and 150 miles down the road. In the last three weeks we have gotten those three schools launched on their academic year. We have also attended and helped in four 'village conferences.' It has meant that as soon as we get unpacked from one trip we have started packing and preparing for the next one. . . ."

He went on to tell of some of the inconveniences they had endured when they went out for these conferences . . . the heat and cramped quarters. But, he said, "That is not the reason for my rebellion.

"I rebel because the rigors of this battlefield are left to single women and older and aging people, while the young and the strong and the healthy are sitting in their air-conditioned studies and riding in their air-conditioned cars and preaching in their air-conditioned sanctuaries and letting us do this work, and not one is offering to lend a hand. It seems there isn't one who is ready to say: 'Here, Dad, let me give you a hand. My Lord has commanded to preach the Gospel to every creature. So as much as in me lieth I am ready to preach the Gospel in Central Africa. Just let me take over a little.'

"But, honestly, I don't really rebel, at least not *real* rebelliously. I praise the Lord for the opportunity to do what I can, and for the health He gives for the task. We even wonder, if the Lord tarries, whether we might ask to come back again for another year or two after furlough. We do get awfully



Rev. Robert Williams teaching a Bible class

weary sometimes. We come dragging out to our study and seem just too dull to accomplish anything constructive. Sometimes we feel as though we aren't earning our pay. But Paul also said, 'When I am weak then I am strong.' Perhaps the Lord has been waiting till some of that 'natural' force drained out of us so that He could pour a little of *His* power into us. I hope it may be so.

"We don't rebel at any avenue of service that our wonderful Lord opens before us. We praise Him and look to Him for health and strength. Surely anything we can do for Him who left the palaces of glory and became man and endured the dust and heat and filth and cold and grime and ridicule and slander and suffering and blood and death for my sins—anything I might be able to do for Him is nothing.

But there must be someone or ones who could do so much more than we do and do it so much better.

"Young man, young woman, when you stand before your Master, what reason can you give for not coming to the mission field? The Master has said: 'As the Father has *sent Me*, even so *send I you*.' Will you be able to stand before Him and say, 'Lord, you never called me to be a missionary?'"

The need remains and the time is very short. Are *you* one the Lord could use in this situation?

If you cannot fit in personally, you *can* help by praying that He will call forth those He wants to serve here—and that they will respond gladly, joyfully, and soon.

(Photos by Richard Harrell)

# The Chateau Walls Speak

By Vicki DeArmey

If anyone were to visit my three big bedrooms on the second floor of the Chateau during a cold, damp, rainy, gray day when no activity is happening, they might not want to sleep there that night. I say this because the three rooms that serve as girls dorms are in pretty sad shape. I also know it takes a lot of time and money to redecorate my large rooms with their high ceilings. But you know, these French girls who sleep here aren't too fussy. It's not bad once the electric heater goes awhile and they snuggle into their sleeping bags for the night. I'm sure they wouldn't complain if central heating were installed, pretty paper hung, and nice pictures put up. But their purpose in coming to the Chateau is not to sit around finding fault with the rooms nor bugging the missionary staff to beautify the "green," "pink," or "blue" rooms as they have been named. No, their purpose in coming is to enjoy the Saturday evening activities in the Grand Salle or "cave" and the Sunday morning service and afternoon activity. There is always something to do, someone to talk with, or something to discuss.

Usually my three girls dorms are used primarily for sleeping. Don't get me wrong, though—many a fine argument or discussion has taken place in one of my bedrooms. Some girls have received the Saviour into their lives while quietly reading His Word and praying with a fellow Christian. Even breakfasts-in-bed have been served here. One weekend, a few summers ago, I well remember a few of the fellows decided the girls needed a change

of pace and served *them* breakfast in bed. Pretty nice gesture, huh? Of course, a French breakfast isn't too difficult—with bread, jelly, tea or coffee. But the thought was nice.

My bedrooms certainly aren't strictly for girls either. They hold tales of various types of visitors. The rooms serve mainly for the girls dorms during the winter months when we have our monthly youth rallies and Bible retreat weekends. But during the summer they get quite a variety of folks—from families passing through for one night to couples staying for several weeks. No matter what the case, they are *always* welcome to stay. Like I said be-

fore, the rooms don't have the Holiday Inn decor one might be used to, but they are clean. Madame Pauget, our cleaning lady, sweeps them each week, scours and waxes the wooden floors, and sees that the beds are clean and linens changed. She also does a good job cleaning the bathrooms and showers.

Next to one of these bedrooms is another room; well, actually two rooms. It is most lovingly called the "apartment" and has many fond memories. It used to be one of my big bedrooms but has been remodeled and decorated into a very small apartment with a bedroom, living and dining area,



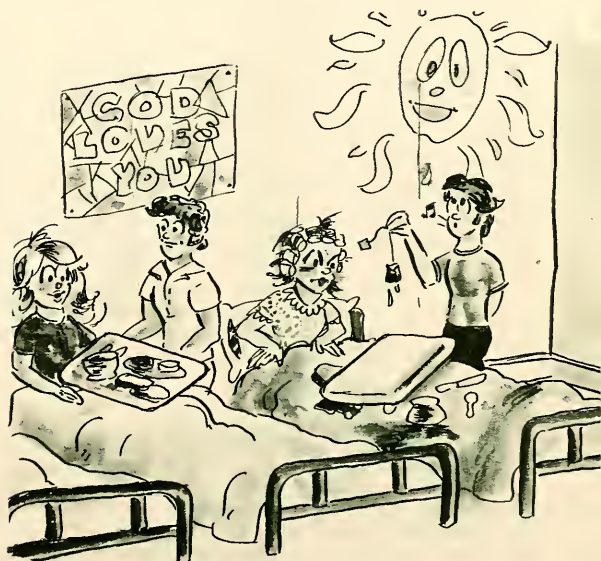
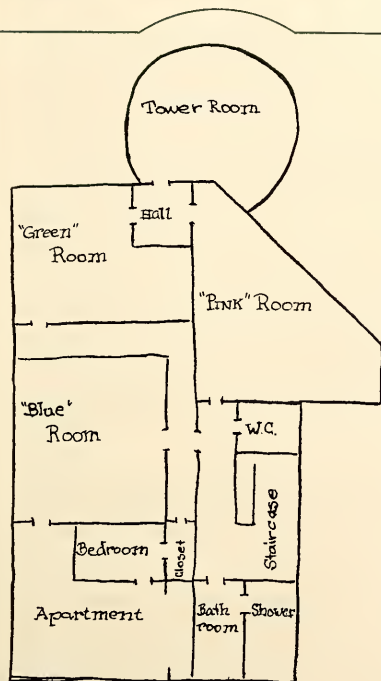




and small kitchenette, equipped with refrigerator, stove, sink and washing machine. This room served the Julien family well for nine months when the Chateau was first acquired. Later, the Kauffman family, who helped with maintenance, moved in and remodeled the kitchen during their stay. The Renicks, former workers, also lived in this apartment while helping out at the Chateau. A French couple, the Bodiniers, stayed awhile and during that time Andre finished the bedroom area. After them the Klus family used the apartment while Mr. Klus was in language study, and the last couple who lived there were Daniel and Julia Dutruc. Other couples and families have used this very private and convenient place for weeks or months while serving the Chateau.

There is a verse in Hebrews 13 that always excites me whenever anyone stays in one of my rooms. It goes like this: "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unaware."

I really appreciate all my rooms, big or small, and I'm proud to say the staff that works here takes real good care of me.



(Illustrations by Terry Julien)

# God Caution: ~~Men~~ at Work

By Rev. Raymond W. Thompson  
*FMS Administrative Assistant*

Is there yet some good news behind those screaming headlines which announce a world in confusion? Is it true that missionaries are so closely identified with western colonialism that they can no longer be effective? Is this a day for despair and defeat? How are God's people faring in the lands which make up our news headlines today—Mozambique, Portugal, Spain, Vietnam, Cambodia?

Listen over my shoulder for a moment at the recent Mission Executives Retreat in Kansas City as today's scene behind the scenes is described by such men as Dr. George Peters, world-traveled scholar and professor of missions at Dallas Theological Seminary, and other mission leaders who met to evaluate and plan.

Dr. Peters chose the title of a recent church history supplement by Dr. Ralph Winters as the best description of the days in which we live: "The 25 (or 30) Unbelievable Years." And for a text, 11 Corinthians 2:14: "Thanks be unto God which always causes us to triumph in Christ. . . ." In the midst of a world of chaos and ruin, the Lord is leading us in continual triumph! Factors which Peters considered crucial to understanding today's missions picture are:

1. We have seen the total collapse of western messianism. That is to say that western culture and life-style is no longer looked to by the more recently developing nations as the epitome of everything grand and desirable. Insofar as this signals the end of a colonialism which saw opportunists becoming strong and rich through the exploitation of those who had undeveloped resources without the necessary cohesive national stature to manage them, this is a blessing. However, the resulting collapse of a sense of values which are associated with the westerner, heralded by the cry "Good-by, Christianity, we have our own religions," is a tragedy of major proportions. As the western man has gone down, the bearer of the good news of Christ has suffered loss of esteem. Today he faces an entirely different mind-mood than did his pioneering forebears.

2. The rise of the Third World, that portion of our globe which is not allied to either East or West, in its awakening movements is certainly a factor coloring our efforts to evangelize this generation. Eighteen new nations have declared their independence in a relatively short time in Latin America, Asia, and Africa. There is bewilderment, frustration, lack of direction and meaning for the future as they seek to assert themselves in the demanding world of today.

3. A third and more heartening force which is active is the maturity of the Christian church which has been planted in the world. While it is true that the Christian

church can claim only a small minority in many areas—one half of one percent of Japanese are Protestants, three percent of India's population are either Protestant or Roman Catholic—the church is existing and growing all over the world. In Africa there is a growing nativism and Christopaganism which exerts enormous pressure to dilute the pure Gospel of salvation by grace through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ alone. This revival of ancient ancestral religions shadows the projections that many are making concerning the African continent becoming Christian in the near future. The question arises as to what kind of "Christianity" will predominate. The World Council of Churches with its syncretistic message is making strong appeals and attractive offers to those who are tempted to unite all religions under a common denominator of humanistic altruism. But there are giants in the church; God has raised them up for Himself. Their purpose to glorify the Saviour is clear and their sense of responsibility to reach the unreached for Christ is being expressed in the new movement of missionaries sent out by Third World churches. A new urgency is recognized in the partnership into which national churches are entering with the existing mission sending agencies, to work side by side—or where the westerner is no longer welcome—alone, to evangelize and plant churches which will honor our Lord. Asian missionary societies have 600 to 700 missionaries serving on fields which are foreign to the sending churches. Our African Brethren are sending missionaries. God's people around the world are beginning to express their thankfulness for God's grace by taking its redeeming message to those who have not heard.

4. A genuine unity of the Holy Spirit at work in God's people is becoming increasingly more evident as those who stand uncompromisingly for the essential doctrines of the faith are working together to effectively and efficiently reach the unreached for Christ. In many areas wasteful competition and unnecessary duplication of effort are being eliminated as schools, teaching materials, publications and even personnel are being shared by those of like precious faith. It was a very moving example of this fact to see the warm fellowship and earnest prayer for one another being experienced by those who were present for this meeting of mission executives where these matters were being considered.

5. God has blessed many great movements of evangelism recently. The "Life in Christ" campaign, which is a continuing blessing in the Central African Republic, is an example of the mobilization of believers to faithfulness in their personal witness for the winning of entire communities to

Christ. One year from now a great evangelistic campaign is being planned for the city of Rosario, Argentina. Luis Palau, the evangelist, is working with evangelical churches to lay the groundwork now for a harvest which is planned to result in 75 new churches being planted in that great city. This means a full-orbed and continuing work of witnessing, training, shepherding and maturing involving 75 congregations which are not even in existence at this moment. And this is only one of many such efforts in which God is blessing His people as they carry out His great commission. Additionally, there are many tools that He has given to amplify the effectiveness of the laborers in His fields. For example, there are now 56 major Christian publishing houses around the world; Christian radio has outstripped communism in total output so that 98 percent of the world's population are now potential listeners. Also, important new concepts such as Church Growth and Theological Education by Extension have greatly enhanced the missionaries' capabilities.

Dr. Peters summarized the present situation in world missions in the following sevenfold statement:

- \* We are better prepared to do the job than ever before;
- \* We are working in greater unity;
- \* We have clearer goals;
- \* We are surrounded by greater opposition and more foes;
- \* We are surrounded by greater opportunities;
- \* We have less time to perform our work;
- \* We have just landed on the beachheads. The total land is before us to conquer. This is not the time to think small or cut back but the time to think big and go ahead.

Now for the specifics. In a quick roundup of prayer and praise items from around the world, the following were reported by mission leaders:

#### India

\* In a spontaneous people movement over 1,500 have requested baptism.

\* The South India Seminary has reached its capacity enrollment of 60 and is turning away applicants.

\* In Assam five churches with only 50 believers have grown to 1,500 churches with 5,000 believers in 10 years.

\* Calcutta Bible Institute reports 72,000 enrolled in correspondence courses.

#### Vietnam

\* Several missions are working to provide all refugee camps in the U.S. with evangelical testimonies.

\* Christians in South Vietnam are being permitted to worship but prohibited from propagating their faith. Preparations were made in advance for takeover by communists and many were trained for this eventuality when it occurred. Thus, the church has remained aggressively evangelistic even though at least five pastors have been martyred. In one instance a man reported seeing 80 people slain one week after the communist takeover. There has been a discontinuance of 31 out of 32 newspapers, so that the one remaining is government-controlled and does not report liquidations. Far Eastern Broadcasting put a 250,000-watt transmitter into operation on Luzon, Philippines, the same day that Saigon fell. It is powerful enough to override local stations and is available to Christian missions to broadcast gospel messages.

#### Cambodia

\* One half of this nation has never been evangelized. Missionaries had been ousted on two occasions previous to the communist takeover. However, there were at least 7,000 believers not one of whom fled before the communists. Many of these may have suffered for their faith. They greatly need our prayers.

#### Colombia, South America

\* An ex-convict witnessed for Christ in an isolated village five hours from the nearest road. As a result 35 people have been baptized, and during October another 25 were anticipating baptism. All this without even a building in which to worship.

\* In Bogota the first World Congress on Witchcraft was described by a local newspaper as "a fraud" although it carried friendly announcements prior to the event. Evangelical churches which opposed the congress appear to have gained respect from civic leaders who were antagonized by what they regarded as an affront to their sensibilities.

\* Campus Crusade for Christ reports that about 50 communist leaders have come to know Christ as Saviour. This has resulted in threats on the life of the C.C.C. leader by local communists.

These are but a few of the visible evidences of God at work all around our world today. We Brethren are officially involved in nine lands which God has committed to us as His instruments. Without doubt or despair let's face the enemy and in our God's strength claim the victory which He has promised in Christ who "always causeth us to triumph."



In response to the question, "Do you ever get lonely on the mission field?" one of our Brethren missionaries replied, "I've been lonelier on deputation than I ever was on the field!"

On the mission station that missionary had co-workers whom she knew and fellowshiped with every day. She worked among nationals with whom she had become well acquainted. She was "at home" on their foreign field. But when she arrived in the States for furlough and spent several weeks in itinerant deputation, she found herself in a different town nearly every night, staying in different homes, meeting new people constantly, and seldom visiting with people she knew well. So, she was lonely.

There are at least three purposes for this effort.

The major purpose is *to contact churches*. One missions authority has stated that "mutually helpful contact with local churches is the lifeblood of mission agencies." Through the pages of the *Brethren Missionary Herald*, *Foreign Mission Echoes*, *Prayer and Praise* sheets, and missionary prayer letters, a great deal of contact is maintained with missions-minded Brethren on our mailing list. But nothing is so effective as personal contact.

The idea of missionaries traveling to

gations is a wonderful, uplifting experience, but it is not the only reason for the missionary's being in your church. He is there also to convey certain specific ideas. First of all, he wants to express his appreciation for your involvement in missions. He wants to thank you for your support through finances, prayer and correspondence. He wants you to know that the FMS recognizes your vital part in our missionary program.

## The Foreign Missionary and the Church at Home

By Jesse B. Deloe  
FMS Director of Deputation

This problem has been shared by many missionaries. It is not a complaint, merely a statement of reaction to an honest question. You may never have considered the role of the missionary on deputation. Have you ever thought of what he was doing—where he was—the day before you saw him in your church—or the day after? Very likely he was many miles away from your town.

Surely, when the missionary comes home for furlough, we should not cease to pray for him. His ministry among the churches is equally important with his ministry on the field. The contact between missionary and the churches at home is vital to the ongoing missionary endeavor, and we ought to pray faithfully for those missionaries who are making these contacts—often in extended travels for two or three months.

In light of the great expenditure of effort, time and money in the ministry of deputation, it might be profitable to understand the purpose of missionary teams traveling all across the United States to be in local churches.

churches in the homeland is Biblical. In the Book of Acts (14:26-27 for example) the missionaries of the Early Church made it a practice to report back to the sending church on the results of their missionary labors. It is quite common in Brethren Foreign Missions that several churches have a part in the sending of one missionary to a foreign field. Sometimes it's a dozen churches or more that have a particular missionary in their budget. Furthermore, the Foreign Missionary Society is a cooperative ministry of the entire National Fellowship of Brethren Churches. Our desire is to have our missionary personnel report to as many of our churches as possible—for the purpose of maintaining healthy contact that will build up the church—both at home and in foreign lands.

Another purpose for missionary deputation is *to convey ideas*. The fellowship of the missionary with congre-

The missionary also wants to aid your pastor in teaching the Biblical ministry of missions. What is the church's role? What are the mission's goals? Who should be a missionary? What part can individual members have in missions? Your missionary can illustrate some of these principles from his personal experience, and the congregation will be edified in this learning. More specifically, the missionary can relate to you the unique strategy for planting churches on his field of service.

The goals of Brethren Foreign Missions are to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, gather converts into groups of believers, and plant churches that can repeat the cycle. On all our fields those are our goals; but the means to reach those goals may vary from field to field, depending upon culture, education, geography, and a multitude of matters that differ on our nine fields. When the missionary comes to your church, he can explain

how the laborers on his field are going about the work of planting churches—and how he himself fits into that plan.

The third purpose for missionary deputation is to *challenge people*. We want you to know, from the testimony and life of the missionary himself, that laboring on the foreign field is both satisfying and successful. Perhaps you've heard only of the problems and sorrows on the field; your missionary can tell you, firsthand, of the victories and joys, too—of the successes toward reaching our goal of planting churches. His personal illustrations, again, will help you to understand something of what is happening, and you will gain a measure of excitement about Brethren Foreign Missions too!

It hardly needs to be said that people are the most-needed ingredient in missions! The missionary is in your church on his deputation tour to challenge your congregation—you—to personal involvement and commitment to missions. If you can't go—and that ought to be your first consideration, no doubt—you can certainly give your support to the missionary enterprise. You can give of your material goods, as Brethren people have done so generously for 75 years. You can arrange your schedule and priorities to allow more time for contacting missionaries by correspondence and with phone calls and personal visits when they're in your area. Included in that rearrangement of schedule, too, should be more time for effectual and fervent prayer.

But there's another way you can help in the "people need." First, ask God for the privilege of serving Him in a vocational Christian ministry. Perhaps He'll call you to the mission field! Second, ask Him to lay on your

heart some young person from your congregation (maybe one of your own family!) for whom you will pray and to whom you will give personal encouragement and support to the end that he or she will hear and heed God's call to service.

So, when that missionary team gets to your church—whether it's a large meeting in the sanctuary or a small group in a home—be sure to be involved. Take advantage of learning about your church's missionary program. Inquire about areas of your own interest. Seek to encourage the missionaries. Get involved in the support of the work. Be a part of Brethren Foreign Missions! And, thanks so much for your continuing support!



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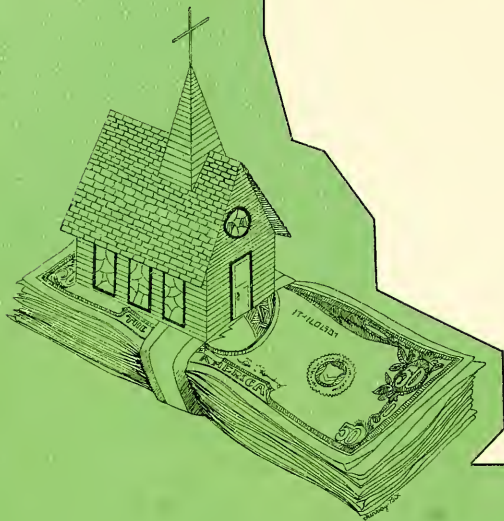




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**A**bout your pastor's car allowance, which is it—reimbursement or more pay?

How often have you listed your pastor's salary, pension costs, utilities and car allowance, drawn a line, added it all up and said that was pay!

Truth of the matter is, it's not all pay and you know it. Sure, the salary is, and the pension contributions may be, so is the health insurance and the housing allowance. But, frankly, it is quite unfair to classify car allowance as pay. It's not. It's reimbursement, pure and simple.

Look at it this way. If your pastor did not have to use a car on church business, you wouldn't pay a car allowance, would you? Of course not. You pay that allowance because you expect your pastor to use a car for getting around the parish and you want to help in meeting the costs. And that's as it should be.

But don't pat yourself on the back because your pastor's pay seems to be so much under that line you drew. Take out that car allowance and see where your pastor's pay is then. In fact, take it out plus another \$900 or so and you'll get a truer picture of your pastor's net take-home pay after a car's expenses are paid.

According to a recent survey, pastors subsidize the cost of using their automobiles on church business to the tune of \$958 a year, on the average. That means that not only does the pastor need all of that allowance just to pay the costs of operating a car for your congregation's benefit, but

\$958 more comes out of the total you pay him. On the average, car allowances just don't cover costs.

But they should. A car allowance is a reimbursement to the pastor for the costs incurred in operating that vehicle on church business. It is not more pay, not by any stretch of your imagination. It is a cost to the church of having a pastor, but it is not compensation to the pastor.

It's important, therefore, if that is the way things really are, that you make that reimbursement precisely that, a reimbursement—an allowance to cover the full cost (including depreciation) or operating a car on church business.

A cents-per-mile allowance makes the most sense. That pays for miles driven. It doesn't pay for days the pastor's car is stored away in the garage. On the other hand, if you pay only the same dollar amount each month, it will cost your congregation no matter how many or how few miles the pastor drives that month.

Full reimbursement for car costs, not just more pay, that's the goal. Your pastor's pay plan will be more equitable if you keep that distinction clear.

Car allowance is simply not more pay.

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